

INTERNATIONAL

Dukakis heads for showdown with Vice-President

Bush clinches nomination

PHILADELPHIA, April 27. (Agencies): George Bush and Michael Dukakis headed toward an autumn showdown after the Vice-President won enough delegates to become the Republican presidential nominee and Dukakis claimed a big boost toward being the Democrats' choice.

Dukakis shied away from claiming the nomination after yesterday's Pennsylvania primary, but he and Bush were already testing themes for the fall campaign, attacking each other on taxes and foreign policy.

Jesse Jackson, despite being overwhelmed by a 2-1 margin in the first one-on-one primary of the 1988 Democratic campaign, said: "We're inspired to run on."

With the nomination in hand for Bush, President Reagan, free to drop his neutrality, was meeting with his vice president today.

Margin

Bush won about 80 per cent of the vote. He now has 1,164 nominating delegates, according to an estimate by the NBC television network. He needs 1,139 to be nominated at his party's August convention in New Orleans.

With 94 per cent of the Pennsylvania votes counted, Massachusetts Governor Dukakis led the Rev. Jackson, the first black to make a major bid for the



Bush: victory

presidency, by 67 to 28 per cent and won by large margins among all groups except blacks.

The contest split along racial lines with Jackson winning more than 95 per cent of the black vote but just 15 per cent of white votes, according to television network polls of voters after they cast their ballots.

That combination gave Jackson primary victories against multi-candidate fields in several states with large black populations, but left him well short of

two-man contests.

Dukakis also stretched his lead in the race for national nominating delegates by winning more than 150 of the 178 delegates at stake here.

Stopped

Dukakis has now chalked up consecutive primary victories in Connecticut, Wisconsin, New York and Pennsylvania to halt a brief Jackson surge that began after the Baptist minister's landslide win in the March 26

Michigan caucuses.

Prior to yesterday's voting, NBC gave Dukakis a 1,098-857 lead over Jackson in the race for the 2,082 delegates needed to win the nomination at the party's July convention.

Other estimates showed a similar Dukakis lead and political experts say he will be almost impossible to stop.

But Dukakis, 54, refused to lay claim to the nomination.

He told a Boston news conference that his victory was a "very big boost", but responded with a curt "no, I don't" when asked if he now had the nomination wrapped up.

Bush claimed victory even before the day's voting ended and said he could now prepare for a general election race against Dukakis that polls say should be close.

At a campaign stop in Indiana, he said Pennsylvania was "a major milestone for me and shifting of gears in one sense and that is I would have a little more time to spend getting ready one-on-one with whoever the Democratic nominee is."

He had only a token challenge from former television evangelist Pat Robertson, who remains an official candidate but did not campaign here. Bush's top rival, Senate Republican leader Bob Dole, gave up last month after a series of defeats.

Heart attack patients need 3 days in hospital

NEW YORK, April 27. (Reuters): Patients who suffered a simple heart attack may be able to leave hospital after three days, instead of seven to 10, greatly reducing the cost of treatment, according to a report in the New England Journal of Medicine.

However, an editorial in the same issue warned that the study was not sufficient to justify any sweeping changes in the way heart attack patients are now being treated.

Dr Eric Topol and colleagues at the University of Michigan Medical Centre in Ann Arbor wrote in the April 28 issue of the journal that "in carefully selected patients with uncomplicated myocardial infarction, hospital discharge after three days is feasible and leads to a substantial reduction in hospital charges."

It added: "A conservative estimate based on a total of 750,000 patients per year hospitalized in the United States for acute myocardial infarction, 15 per cent of them meeting the criteria for early discharge would result in a 280 million-dollar saving."

The editorial, written by Dr Gregory Curfman, a deputy editor of the journal, said, however: "This single study is not sufficient to justify sweeping changes in current management practices for all patients who may at first appear to have uncomplicated infarctions."

Topol and his colleagues, while acknowledging that further, larger studies are needed to confirm their results, found that selected patients can be released after only three days of hospitalization and this results in savings in hospital and doctor costs.

Advantage
They also noted that the acceleration of the return to work would clearly amplify the economic advantage of early hospital discharge.

The report said: "The substantial reduction in hospital and professional charges for the patients assigned to discharge on day 3 resulted chiefly from the decrease in hospital room costs."

Trial of Duvalier: warning to dictators

PARIS, April 27. (Reuters): A French court's decision to try ousted Haitian dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier on charges he stole millions from his Caribbean nation was a warning to other deposed strongmen, a lawyer for Haiti said on Tuesday.

Yann Colin said the judgement delivered on Monday by an Aix-en-Provence appeal court constituted "a world first and a message to other deposed dictators."

"This decision should bring with it a new development for international law," said Colin.

"People were waiting for the judgement, particularly in the United States where the same problems have arisen with (Ferdinand) Marcos of the Philippines," said Colin.

The Philippine government has instituted legal action to recover funds it says were illegally taken by the deposed Philippine president, now in exile in Hawaii.

Meanwhile, Duvalier's lawyer, Saurer Vaisse, said he intended to file suit against the

appeal court decision.

It reversed a ruling by a lower court in Grasse last year that it could not hear the civil suit because it concerned a foreign citizen and accusations of fraud outside France.

"This can only be a political trial," said Vaisse. "French courts should not be washing Haiti's dirty linen."

Duvalier and other members of his family are accused of having siphoned off \$120 million from banks, government agencies and the state lottery while "Baby Doc" ruled the impoverished nation as president for life.

Lawyers representing the new Haitian government are pressing both civil and criminal suits against Duvalier, who has lived in a luxurious Riviera villa since he fled here in 1986.

Detectives who last week made a court-ordered inventory of the villa in the criminal investigation found gold ingots and bank documents that may explain how Duvalier has financed his lifestyle while having no apparent means of income.

Lawyers boycott trial of fundamentalists

By Ahmed Shawki

CAIRO, April 27. (Reuters): Lawyers defending 33 Muslim militants accused of political violence in Egypt refused to attend the trial yesterday in protest at police searches.

Bar association chairman Ahmed Khawaga intervened after the 30 lawyers refused to be searched before entering the state security court.

After discussions with court president Omer Oteifi, Khawaga said the issue had been settled and the lawyers would attend when the trial resumed on May 3.

Charged
The lawyers also said they needed more time to read the 5,000-page indictment.

Reporters and relatives of the defendants were searched twice before entering the heavily guarded courtroom, where the 33

defendants were locked in three iron cages.

The accused are charged with attempting to kill former interior minister Hassan Abu Basha and Nabawi Ismail, as well as the editor-in-chief of the state-owned Al-Mussawwar weekly, Makram Mohammed Ahmed.

The prosecution has demanded the death sentence for 15 of them and jail for the others. Two defendants are still at large.

One of the accused, Amin Abdullah, 30, told the court they were tortured by police during and after interrogation.

"We were beaten before coming to the court and they beat us when we go back to our jails. We live in solitary confinement without water and electricity," Abdullah said.

The judge ordered the prosecutor to probe the allegations.

The three-member state security court was set up under emergency laws imposed in 1981 after the murder of President Anwar Sadat. The laws were renewed last month for three years.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nuclear strategy

BRUSSELS, Belgium, April 27. (AP): The Nato defence ministers today began a two-day session to review their long-range nuclear arms strategy.

This involves a review of how Nato must adjust its nuclear arms after a 1983 decision to remove 1,400 nuclear warheads from Europe and the 1987 signing of a US-Soviet accord to remove hundreds of medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe.

Nato officials said US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci briefed his counterparts on preparations in the United States and the Soviet Union for an elaborate, 13-year inspection system to check compliance with the intermediate nuclear forces treaty.

He also gave an update on Moscow's efforts to modernise its nuclear arms, sources reported.

Super telescope

TUCSON, Arizona, April 27. (AP): Engineers yesterday lifted a giant oven lid to check a mirror that astronomers hope will lead to the next generation of super telescopes, and the huge piece of cooling glass was pronounced "just fine."

Engineers on Monday began spin-casting glass into what they hope will become a home-combed 11-foot (3.3-meter) mirror, the largest ever to be made in that manner.

The first 24 hours, during which the mirror actually is molded, are the most critical, Peter Strittmatter, director of the University of Arizona's Steward Observatory, said.

Ship sinking

OPORTO, Portugal, April 27. (AP): A South Korean crew member was missing and 21 others were rescued last night from a Japanese cargo ship that was reported sinking five kilometres (three miles) off the Portuguese coast, officials said.

The 200-metre (600-foot) Panamanian-registered Reijin Keesel was shortly after leaving Leixões port outside this northern city, carrying Japanese automobiles to Dublin, Ireland, rescue service and port officials said.

Early today, witnesses said the 58,000-ton ship was listing 80 degrees to port and in imminent danger of sinking.

Hassan ends visit

NEW DELHI, April 27. (AP): Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan left India today after a three-day visit in which he held talks with Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on bilateral trade and the Gulf war. He was seen off at New Delhi's international airport by S.D. Sharma, the Vice-President, and K. Natwar Singh, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

Palestinian girl killed

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, April 27. (UPI): Israeli soldiers today shot and killed a 15-year-old girl in a small West Bank village, the first fatal shooting after three days of relative calm in the occupied territories, Palestinian sources said.

Areej Ismail Addik was shot in the head during a raid by Israeli troops in the middle of the night on the village of Kfar Addik, Palestinian sources said. The girl was pronounced dead at Al Jitihad Hospital in Nablus, a hospital official said.

An Army spokesman had no immediate information on the incident.

The death raised to 167 the number of Palestinians killed since the anti-Israeli uprising began on Dec 9. An Israeli soldier and a Jewish teenage have also died in the unrest.

Today's fatal shooting came a day after three Arab commandos and two Israeli soldiers were killed in a firefight on the northern border of Israel.

Two Israeli soldiers were also wounded, one seriously, in yesterday's clash 200 yards (m) inside the Israeli border on the western slopes of Mount Dov, an Army spokesman said.

The border incursion was the first since PLO leaders vowed to carry out reprisals against Israel for the April 16 assassination of PLO military commander Khalil Al Wazir.

Army radio reported, meanwhile, that troops along the northern border were on "high alert" after yesterday's battle.

Suspended

Israel, in a rare punishment, temporarily suspended the accreditation of two senior foreign correspondents yesterday because they broke censorship in reporting that Israeli commandos killed Al Wazir.

Yoram Ettinger, director of the government press office, said he summoned Glenn Frankel of the Washington Post and Martin Fletcher of the NBC Television network to tell them their press cards were suspended until the outcome of an investigation into the alleged censorship violation.

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Sikh extremist beaten to death

CHANDIGARH, India, April 27. (Agencies). Shoppers enraged over an attack on Hindu fundamentalists killed one of the assailants yesterday as violence-related to a Sikh separatist drive in Punjab claimed six other lives, authorities said.

As the insurgency-related death toll since last Friday rose to at least 36, officials said work began on a six-foot (1.8 m) high barbed wire fence along the northern state's border with Pakistan.

India charges Pakistan with supporting Sikh nation named "Khalistan." Pakistan denies the charge.

Clubbed

Yesterday, four Sikh gunmen entered the busy Putilgarh market in the Sikh holy city of Amritsar and opened fire with pistols into a tailoring shop owned by members of the Shiv Sena, a Hindu fundamentalist group.

Four Hindus were wounded in the hail of fire, one of whom later died in hospital, police said. The assailants fled down a narrow valley, three of whom escaped into an orphanage, while a fourth was caught by an angry crowd of pushing shoppers.

"Dozens of people hit him," a police spokesman said. "Everybody came to club him with sticks and bricks. He fled to death in the street."

Shiv Sena called for a general strike today.

Sikh militants killed five people today, including two Hindus

gunned down in broad daylight in defiance of a curfew imposed across Amritsar City to defuse a strike called to protest against separatist violence, police said.

Police reported three Sikh gunmen ambushed four Hindu men as they took a morning walk on the outskirts of the city that is home to the Golden Temple, the holiest Sikh shrine.

They said the hail of fire from Chinese-made assault rifles killed two victims and seriously wounded the other two.

Today's assault came in defiance of a city-wide curfew clamped across Amritsar by authorities trying to hunt a general strike called by the Shiv Sena.

March

Police reported Hindu students staged a march against the separatist cause through the deserted city centre, but reported Amritsar otherwise incident-free.

Some 18 miles (30 km) west of the holy city, near the border village of Lopoke, three militants dragged an unidentified former military serviceman outside his house, shot and killed him, police said.

Police said assailants shot and killed a farmer named Naza Singh in a village close to Jalandhar, 50 miles (80 km) southeast of Amritsar. Naza was the brother of a famed Punjabi poet, Avtar Singh Pash, who along with a friend was killed by militants on March 23.

Bangladesh rebels kill 14 settlers

CHITTAGONG, April 27. (Reuters). Separatist tribal rebels shot dead 14 Muslim settlers and wounded at least 15 in attacks on two villages in southern Bangladesh last night, military officials said.

They said the Bengali-speaking residents of the two remote villages in the Chittagong Hill Tracts were shot by guerrillas of the Shanti Bahini who came across the Indian border.

The Shanti Bahini ended a two-month lull in their separatist insurgency on April 24 when they killed seven people and wounded 12 in a machine-gun attack on the hill tracts' village of Comillatilla.

The Shantis, made up mostly of Chakma tribesmen, began

their insurgency in 1973 after the government rejected demands for autonomy for the 5,500 square mile (14,200 sq km) hill and forest region bordering India and Burma.

Expulsion

They also want the 300,000 Bengali-speaking Muslim settlers they accuse of destroying tribal culture and stealing tribal lands to be expelled from the area.

More than 1,300 rebels, soldiers and civilians have been killed in the 15-year-old insurgency.

Dhaka says the Shantis operate from India and are helped by the Indian border security force. India denies the charge.

Wife of Al Wazir

AMMAN, April 27. (Reuters). The widow of slain PLO military commander Khalil Al Wazir arrived yesterday for her first visit to Jordan since her husband was expelled two years ago.

Intisar Al Wazir told the official news agency Petra she wanted to thank King Hussein and the Jordanian government for preparations they had made to have her husband buried in Amman.

Mick Jagger

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., April 27. (Reuters). Rock and Roll legend Mick Jagger did not steal another musician's song for his hit "just another night" a jury ruled yesterday.

"I'm going to take my lawyers out for a beer now," a beaming Jagger said after the four-man, two-woman jury decided the British singer was innocent of plagiarising a song by Reggae song-writer Patrick Alley.

Kabul marks revolution anniversary

Afghan rebels vow to fight on

KABUL, April 27. (Reuters). Afghanistan marked the 10th anniversary of its leftist revolution, with a show of military strength and pledges to fight on by both the Soviet-backed Kabul government and its Muslim guerrilla forces.

Though statements by both sides signalled no prospective letup in a conflict said to have caused over a million deaths, Soviet troops start pulling out of the embattled Central Asian nation next month.

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An estimated 115,000 Soviet troops are due to start withdrawing from May 15 over a nine-month period.

Thatcher doubtful of arms accord

TOKYO, April 27. (UPI). British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said she is doubtful the United States and the Soviet Union will sign a strategic arms treaty at the Moscow summit next month, a Japanese newspaper reported today.

"I doubt whether they will get a Start (Strategic arms reduction talks) agreement fully ready for signature because it is much more complicated and time is running along," Thatcher was quoted as saying.

Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita will meet with Thatcher May 4 in his first trip as prime minister to Europe.

Good

"I would rather have a good agreement which took a longer time that we could have confidence in than one which was not quite right," Thatcher said.

President Reagan will visit Moscow May 29 to June 2 to meet with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Thatcher, 62, said free trade, East-West relations, terrorism and agriculture will be major topics to be discussed at the Toronto summit of Western industrialised democracies June 19-21.

The main task facing the attending countries will be to seek ways to ensure stable growth of the world economy, she said, adding the prescription for a healthy world economy includes keeping inflation down, controlling budget deficits and reducing trade barriers.

Afghan Defence Minister, Lieutenant General Mohammad Rafi, said government forces would continue the fight to defend the country's revolution against mujahedeen rebels, backed by Western and Islamic countries.

Journalists in the Afghan capital said opinions differ on whether President Najibullah and his People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) can survive after the Soviet pullout and, if so, for how long.

Soviet soldiers interviewed there said they felt the rebels were stronger now than before. "They have gained experience over the last nine years and they have better equipment," remarked one conscript on patrol in Kabul, who said he had been battle outside the capital.

Condemn An Afghan guerrilla leader, pledging the battles would go on, condemned what he termed a decade of destruction in the conflict between Kabul forces and the rebels.

"The blood of our people has burned for 10 years in this cruel war," said Gulbuddin Hek-

matyar, leader of a seven-party alliance based in Pakistan.

He told a news conference in Peshawar, Pakistan, that since the April 1978 coup brought the PDPA to power, 1.3 million Afghans had been killed in fighting, five million had become refugees in exile and 70 per cent of the country's arable land had been made barren.

Hekmatyar dismissed an offer by Najibullah to create a demilitarised zone on Afghanistan's border with Pakistan to allow the three million refugees living in Pakistan to return home safely.

He said the guerrillas would not "waste time" attacking isolated outposts after the Soviet withdrawal but would go straight for the major towns.

He said the military committee of the alliance was planning to seize a major centre "in the near future."

Western analysts in Islamabad say Najibullah's government has evacuated a number of outlying centres to consolidate the Army's firepower against the mujahedeen ahead of the start of

the withdrawal. The Soviet Union warned Pakistan that it would be breaking the Geneva accord if it continued sheltering Afghan rebel groups on its territory or providing them with arms or funds.

United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said yesterday that critics of the United Nations-sponsored Afghan settlement were mean and might be trying to undermine the accord.

"I think the international community has to be grateful for what the United Nations, with the concurrence of the two parties, has done," he told reporters in an apparent reference to Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Observers

The Security Council has agreed to send UN observers to monitor the settlement including the Soviet troop withdrawal, Perez de Cuellar said.

Under Secretary-General Diego Cordovez, whose mediation efforts helped produce the settlement, will be the special representative in charge, with Benon Sevan of Cyprus as his



Gulbuddin Hekmatyar

aide, Perez de Cuellar told reporters.

He said Major General Rauli Helminen of Finland, who arrived in Islamabad on Monday, would command the observers, who under the terms of the accord are due to be in place this week.

The secretary-general said Islamabad and Kabul would be what he termed the focal points for the operation, the council's approval of which was provisional.

Officials said the following countries were asked to supply personnel for the observer team expected to be 50-strong: Austria, Canada, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, Ghana, Ireland, Nepal, Poland and Sweden.

Soviets 'leading' in submarine technology

LONDON, April 27. (UPI). The Soviet Union may be moving ahead of the United States in the area of submarine communications because of their single-minded, attitude to resolving problems, according to a new edition of Jane's Military Communications.

In his foreword to the authoritative military annual for release today, editor John Williamson said the United States has a lead in research into future submarine communications technologies such as lasers. But he said the US developments are going ahead in several different directions and run the risk of suffering funding cuts.

"The USSR, which to date has not been constrained to take public opinion into account, nor to accommodate the views and concerns of environmentalists, may have stolen a march on the Nato allies," Williamson said.

Frequency

He said this was because there was a report that Moscow has equipped all its nuclear missile-armed submarines with Extremely Low Frequency (ELF), an advanced submarine communications technology.

Jane's said communications with submarines was important because 48 per cent of the US arsenal of nuclear warheads and 30 per cent of the Soviet arsenal are mounted on submarine-launched ballistic missiles.

Williamson said evaluation of the strengths of these sub-launched missile forces does not depend simply on warhead count.

He said that one of the critical considerations "is the effectiveness of the communications systems which link the various submarine fleets with their command centres ashore."

"Moreover," he said, "some observers argue, that in sharp contrast to other sectors, the Soviets are building up a significant lead in one of the current submarine communications technologies, while the USA has on the one hand mounted demonstrations of superior technologies, it has also dissipated its advantage by trying to advance simultaneously in several different directions."

Mine explosion kills 28 in China

BEIJING, April 27. (AP). Twenty-one women were among 28 miners killed in a gas explosion in a northeast China coal mine, despite a national policy against allowing women to work in mines, the official China Daily said today.

The newspaper said the accident occurred in February at the Qianjin mine, a collective operation in Heilongjiang province. Poor management and inadequate ventilation were blamed for the explosion.

It was the first time that an accident involving women miners has been reported, the daily said.

Although there is no law banning women from working in mines, state-run mines have long observed a policy that women should not work underground.

But the newspaper said smaller collective mines, which have sprung up around the country in recent years under China's economic reform policies, have ignored the policy.

Demand to reinstate Solidarity activists

Polish workers on strike

WARSAW, April 27. (Reuters). More than 20,000 steelworkers at Poland's giant Lenin mill have joined a strike for higher pay and reinstatement of fired Solidarity activists, opposition sources said on Monday.

Production at the mill at Nowa Huta near the southern city of Krakow ground to a halt after the strike began early yesterday, the sources said.

Nearly three hours of talks overnight between a seven-man strike committee and the director of the mill, Eugeniusz Pustowka, a member of the central committee of Poland's ruling Communist Party, brought no result, they added.

The Lenin Steelworks, which employs 30,000 men, is the second biggest in Poland. It was built in the 1950s as a showcase of Stalinist industrial achievement.

Solidarity chairman Lech Walesa said he expected more

strikes to follow.

Speaking by telephone from the northern port city of Gdansk, Walesa said he was ready to help the Lenin steelworkers but was waiting for more information before going there.

The strike followed a stoppage by transport workers in the central city of Bydgoszcz on Monday which won a 60 per cent pay rise and was Poland's first major stoppage since General Wojciech Jaruzelski imposed martial law to crush the free trade union Solidarity in December 1981.

The sources said about 70 per cent of the Lenin staff had stopped work but maintenance staff were keeping the furnaces going and the large administrative staff were also at work.

Thousands of steelworkers on the overnight shift stayed idle and left the plant when the shift ended at 6:00 am, the sources said. The morning shift then

went to their posts but also refused to work.

The sources said two of the four Solidarity activists whose reinstatement was demanded had disappeared since yesterday evening and there were fears that they might have been arrested.

The missing men were named as Edward Nowak and Stanislaw Handzik who were dismissed after the imposition of martial law. The other two were Stanislaw Bawalski and a man named Rusek.

The identities of the strike committee members were not known but the sources said they were not members of official unions set up in Poland after the enforced dissolution of Solidarity in 1982.

The committee was demanding an extra 6,000 zlotys (\$15) compensation for workers after drastic price rises imposed by the government on goods and services since February.

China bans Jackie Collins' best seller

BEIJING, April 27. (UPI). China's Communist Party has banned Jackie Collins' 1970s best seller, "Lovers and Gamblers," charging the steamy novel about the sexual antics of a beauty queen and a rock star will corrupt Chinese youth, editors said today.

Reflecting the concern the book has aroused among propaganda czars, the Communist Party secretariat, responsible for running day-to-day party affairs, called a special meeting Saturday to ban it, said Chinese sources.

"Lovers and Gamblers," printed in Chinese as "Qingchang Dulu" or "Gamblers on the Stage of Love," was a sizzling 1977 best seller by Jackie Collins, author of such novels as "Hollywood Husbands," "Hollywood Wives" and rock star, and sister of TV actress Joan Collins.

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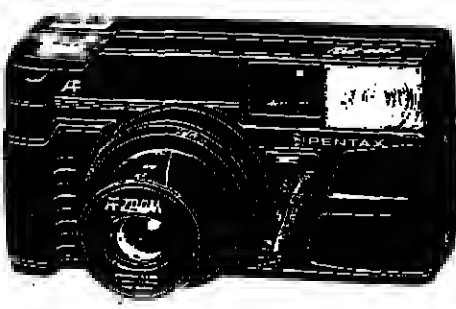
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Abu Lisan's discovery

Progress made in AIDS research

By Jadranka Porter

MALE asymptomatic AIDS carriers and individuals with homosexual tendencies have remarkably similar blood levels of five amino acids which differ substantially from levels recorded in healthy individuals, according to the research conducted by Kuwait's leading clinical biochemist, Dr Mustafa Abu Lisan.

The discovery may lead in the future to scientific developments which could result in an extended lifespan for AIDS patients.

Abu Lisan, the director of Clinical Laboratories for the Amiri health region, has studied the levels of amino acids in the blood of asymptomatic HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) and seronegative homosexuals. His research showed increased levels of amino

acids valine, serine, glycine and aspartic acid, and significant lowering of cysteine in both groups but not in healthy individuals of the same age and sex.

Clues

This kind of research, says Abu Lisan, could in the future provide some clues as to how to fortify the body's metabolism against the virus or even how to prevent the virus from penetrating a cell.

But the scientist is somewhat handicapped by a small number of specimens in Kuwait which has only 15 AIDS carriers.

However, Abu Lisan says that provisional contacts he has established with scientists in France and the US are encouraging and he hopes to have his data substantiated by those from countries with a larger number of

AIDS patients.

In another research project, Abu Lisan has discovered increased levels of phenylalanine in AIDS carriers but not in healthy individuals or homosexuals. This phenylalanine can be used as a possible marker for identifying seropositive HIV patients.

Phenylalanine is an amino acid related to neurological disorders. It is established that all AIDS patients suffer from significantly elevated levels of phenylalanine, then the mental torment they are known to suffer could possibly be modified by drastically reducing the levels of the amino acid in the patient's body, says Abu Lisan.

He will present both the research papers at the Fourth International Conference on AIDS to be held in Stockholm from June 12 to 16.



HH the Amir yesterday met Libyan delegate Abdul Aati Al Obeidi (centre).

Amir receives Khaddafi's message

HH the Amir yesterday received Libyan leader's envoy Abdul Aati Al Obeidi who delivered a message to HH the Amir from Khaddafi.

The meeting was attended by Foreign Undersecretary Sulaiman Majid Al Shaheen.

Libyan permanent representative in the Arab League, Abdul Aati Al Obeidi, arrived yesterday for a brief visit to deliver a message to the Amir.

Al Obeidi met yesterday with Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, and discussed the need to strengthen Arab solidarity in the face of foreign challenges.

The Libyan envoy, who flew in here from Saudi Arabia in the context of an Arab tour, told Kuna after the meeting that he and Sheikh Sabah reviewed bilateral relations and Arab developments.

"We sensed a need for consultation and reviving Arab solidarity against threats besetting the Arab nation on all fronts," the Libyan emissary added.

Condemned

On the recent Kuwaiti airliner hijack, Obeidi recalled that his government had condemned the plane's seizure, noting Libyan leader Moammar Al Khaddafi had expressed, in a telephone contact with the Amir, Libya's readiness to intervene and save the aircraft and passengers.

Obeidi pointed out that Libyan people joined Kuwaitis in rejoicing at the satisfactory

end to the crisis.

"We have always affirmed our condemnation of terrorism, and refusal to accept hijacked airplanes," the Libyan official went on.

Uprising

Replying to a question, the official said Libya would take part in an Algerian-proposed Arab summit, slated for June, to discuss concerted Arab support for the Palestinian popular uprising.

"We would definitely participate particularly as it would discuss the uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied lands, and the Palestinian issue at large," Obeidi went on.

Foreign Undersecretary, Sulaiman Majid Al Shaheen, and the Libyan Charge d'Affaires to Kuwait took part in the meeting between Sheikh Sabah and Obeidi.

The Libyan envoy pointed out that the message which he had conveyed to the Amir in the morning dealt with current Arab developments and bilateral links.

He indicated that he felt every understanding from the Amir towards the Khaddafi message.

Later, Radio Kuwait reported that Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah received the Libyan envoy at his office yesterday morning, with bilateral relations topping the talks.

UMO action council formed

AN emergency meeting of the United Malayalee Organisation (UMO) was held on Tuesday under the chairmanship of N.V.K. Warriar.

It was decided to appoint Augustine Alanolikal as convenor of a UMO action council formed with the sole purpose of helping more than 100,000 people to participate in sending protest notes to the Indian Prime Minister regarding the financial burden they were subjected to due to Air India's unhelpful anti-customer attitude.

Kuwaiti stance

PARIS, April 27, (Kuna): Kuwaiti students studying here hailed HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier and the Kuwaiti people for their solid stance in rejecting to deal with terrorism.

US embassies on high alert

Secure air travel briefing guide

By Jadranka Porter

AMERICAN citizens in Kuwait have been handed a set of written guidelines to help them cope with perils of being taken hostage by air pirates.

The "Secure Air Travel Briefing Guide" containing proven techniques developed from the case histories on numerous aviation-related security incidents, originally distributed by the US embassy more than a month ago, resurfaced after the Kuwait Airways flight KU 422 was hijacked on April 5.

The document was first made available at one of the regular bimonthly meetings with representative citizens who were urged to take the tips and share them with other people, the embassy spokesman said.

The guide offers tips on how to deal with the hijackers, fellow passengers and questioning, and how to prepare for violence. It urges the travellers to remain calm and conserve their strength, not to behave in a provocative manner, and to avoid eye contact with the hijackers and drawing attention to themselves.

The travellers are advised not to volunteer to do anything and not to make requests unless absolutely necessary, but to listen carefully and follow the instructions of the hijackers without indicating agreement or disagreement.

In a set of pre-flight guidelines

Amiri Diwan extends thanks for support

UPON instructions of HH the Amir, the Amiri Diwan extended thanks and appreciation to all individuals, citizens and expatriates alike, and all institutions, syndicates, non-profit societies, schools, institutes, clubs, sports unions and communities for their cables of support for the Kuwaiti stance vis-à-vis the hijack ordeal, their condolences for those martyred in the process and congratulations for the safe return of the hostages.

The cables reflected one stance: that of Kuwait which rejects all forms of blackmail and terrorism and proved that citizens and expatriates stand united reflecting unity and cohesion of Kuwait and their backing for its political leadership, the Diwan added in a statement.

It emphasized that Kuwait, that has based its policy on noble humanitarian doctrines and which believes in Islamic teachings of charity, justice and amity among people, will remain firm with its principles in confrontation of hardships and in times of welfare believing in the Holy Quranic verses:

"Ye who believe, seek help with patient perseverance and prayer: for God is with those who patiently persevere."

"And say not of those who are slain in the way of God: 'They are dead', nay, they are living, though ye perceive (it) not."

"Be sure we shall test you with something of fear and hunger, some loss in goods or lives or the fruits (of your toil), but give glad tidings to those who patiently persevere..."

"Who say, when afflicted with calamity: 'to God we belong, and to Him is our return.'"

"They are those on whom (descend) blessings from God, and mercy, and they are the ones that receive guidance."

The Amiri Diwan prays to God Almighty to preserve our beloved country's cohesion and brotherhood and to rest the souls of its martyrs in heaven and preserve Kuwait, its citizens and residents from harm, the statement concluded.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri cables

H.H. the Amir sent two cables of congratulations to the presidents of Togo and Sierra Leone on the occasion of their countries' National Day.

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday received in audience Commander of the National Guards Sheikh Salem Al Ali, the Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, the Defence Minister, Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, the Education Minister, Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri, the Justice Minister, Dhuri Abdullah Al Othman, and the Health Minister, Abdul Razzaq Yusuf Al Abdul Razzaq.

Later the Crown Prince received Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for Planning, Fuad Mulla Hussein and council member, Khalid Al Sultan.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Jabriya's return

A KUWAITI daily yesterday wondered why the Kuwaiti jetliner "Jabriya" has not returned back home, saying the Kuwaiti people have the right to know all the facts.

Al Rai Al Aam newspaper, said a government statement has to be issued to clarify and tell the people "what happened to the plane... is it really under checkup or is it impounded waiting to fulfil a promise or a demand?"

It noted that to remove any technical fault in the Jabriya does not require all this time.

The Kuwaiti people who stood by the government during the 16-day ordeal, the paper reiterated, have the right to be informed about all the details.

The Kuwaiti people have the right for extradition of the air pirates who hijacked the Kuwaiti airliner and killed two innocent persons, it added.

Kuwait was not the only target, Al Rai Al Aam asserted, the hijack operation aimed at penetrating the Arab security in all.

Revival of Syria-PLO ties

KUWAIT'S daily Al Watan yesterday hailed the revival of Syrian-PLO relations, noting that Israeli war minister's threats over this issue indicate the resumption of such ties was a right step.

Editorially commenting on the recent Palestinian-Syrian developments, Al Watan said the blood of assassinated leader Abu Jihad did not go in vain but blossomed after his martyrdom.

Al Watan urged oil concerned parties to remember the approximately 5-month Palestinian uprising, especially with the return of Syrian-PLO relations.

Five arid years had passed since the breakup in Syrian-PLO relations during which the Palestinian blood was shed in more than one area and in more than a nihilistic war, said the local daily.

Only an ignorant can undermine the recent improvement in Syrian-PLO relations, the paper concluded.

Iraq capable of meeting everyday needs

PARIS, April 27, (Kuna): Despite seven years of full-scale war, Iraq is capable of meeting the everyday needs of the people, reported a French newspaper yesterday.

In a dispatch from Baghdad, "Le Figaro" newspaper said "the Iraqi authorities has taken necessary measures to provide people with food at official prices without ration and no black market."

Although luxuries are becoming more expensive than before, an average Iraqi citizen can find clothes and other necessary materials at reasonable prices.

Le Figaro said Baghdad is living a very active life during the day and at night and the economy wheels are maintaining their stable pace.

It noted that the Syrian decision to block the Iraqi pipeline in April 1982 has not affected oil exports which in reality doubled since then.

The paper noted that the war against Iran has forced the country to be indebted, for example three billion dollars to France.

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Defence Ministry warning

KUWAIT'S Defence Ministry has warned residents to stay away from military firing ranges and training fields. They also warned that ammunition found in these fields should not be touched, adding that it was dangerous to buy or trade such ammunition at scrapyards or from other sources.



● The Minister of Electricity and Water, Dr. Homoud Al Raqbah (second right) visited Al Dhahar area on Monday, where he inspected the large area of land which caved in last week.

Specifications set for import of tobacco

KUWAIT'S Minister of Public Health Dr. Abdul Razzak Al Abdul Razzak has established the specifications for imported tobacco, designating the Department of Environmental Protection as the enforcement agency.

Under the new specifications the General Customs Department or the local agent of the exporting company will inform lab officials at the Department of Environmental Protection when tobacco shipments arrive.

After having the tobacco tested the importer must submit an affidavit showing that he will not market the tobacco until the test results have been reported. The exporting company's local agent is responsible for collecting the test results.

If the test results provenegative, the importer will have a two-month period in which to re-export the tobacco to the producer or have it disposed of under the supervision of Kuwait Municipality and the Consumer Protection Department.

Specifications allow agents to apply for re-testing at unofficial laboratories.

Zayed message

ABU DHABI, April 27, (Kuna): President of United Arab Emirates Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan today sent a message to US President Reagan on developments in the region.

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Eating under canvas



Table Talk

BY DINAH

THE SAS Hotel has come up with two of the most original and fitting ideas for restaurants in Kuwait: one on board a dhow and the other in a tent, but the two could not be more different in terms of taste. For whereas **Al Boom** is an intricate work of craftsmanship with an authentic atmosphere, the Tent is sadly a discordant muddle of styles with no real "mood." A construction as barn-like as The Tent needs unity of colour, theme and decor to make it welcoming, but, instead, one is confused by a hotchpotch of bits of sedu, velvet, caudleabra, sugar sculptures, stage-set windows, and chairs and tableclothes in green, red, blue pink and brown. A good idea has really been spoilt by thoughtless decor. If the designer instead had made lavish use of sedu weaving, low, diwanian-

style seating, brass ornaments, carpets and tent dividers, a soulless marquee could have been transformed into the setting for sheik's banquet.

The Tent offers a buffet dinner every Tuesday night from 7 pm. I would recommend that you get there later, as there is more atmosphere when the place fills up and the "bazaar" — a few forlorn tables displaying some overpriced trinkets — opens. The salad buffet consists of an unimpressive display of about a dozen different dishes which are repeated many times over around the table. The accent is on quantity rather than quality or variety, although there were some excellent fresh cooked meats, tiny shrimps and a good selection of breads.

Variety

The main attraction at the Tent is the amazing variety of hot dishes. There is an indoor buffet of various stews such as Osso Bucco, kidney and ratatouille; pizza, whole roast lamb and a wide range of other meat and chicken dishes. If you don't find enough to tempt you here, then outside the Tent there is a barbecue of fish, veal, chicken and teardroin, a shawarma stand, a falafel maker and a range of Chinese dishes. All of the hot dishes we could manage to try were first class. Particularly like the succulent seafood kebabs, moist barbecued sweetcorn, spicy chickpea cakes and delicious

Chinese oodles.

By contrast the desserts were disappointing consisting of fresh, but rather synthetic tasting gateaux, artificially flavoured mousses, custards, fruit jellies, Atatif, nut-filled pastries and other Arabic desserts.

Service at the Tent leaves a lot to be desired. For each separate course you have to remember to fetch cutlery and napkins from the buffet, as the tables are unaid. Even when the restaurant was almost empty the waiters didn't come forward to help with the heavy lids of the chafing dishes. They were prompt in removing dirty plates and in refilling glasses, though. No fresh fruit juices are available, only fizzy drinks and a bottle of lukewarm water stands on the table. To eat at the Tent costs KD5 per person which is good value for money when one considers the range of hot dishes, but personally I would have preferred an even standard throughout the three courses. Be sure to take a jacket, if you go there, as the air-conditioning is Siberian.

RESTAURANT: The Tent at the SAS
TYPE: Weekly buffet
MEAL: 3 course buffet/barbecue
PRICE: KD10 (for two)
Star rating (out of five):
FOOD: ★★
SERVICE: ★★
ATMOSPHERE: ★★
VALUE FOR MONEY: ★★

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 10.00 Holy Quran
- 10.15 Cartoons
- 10.30 Mama Anisa and Children
- 11.10 Open University
- 12.05 Noor Al Huda: "Wa Bil Waladain Ahsanan." Starring: Hassan Abideen, Amioa Rizk, Abu Bakr Ezzal, Laila Taher, Ibrahim Al Shaami.
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.30 Tao Tao: cartoons
- 2.00 Al Mao'timid Bin Ibad: historical serial, featuring Osama Al Mashini, Mahmoud Saad.
- 3.00 Dukkan Al Duniya: daily serial, starring Muna Wasel, Mohammad Al Ibad, Jayana Eid.
- 4.45 Tazawwaj: Arabic serial, starring Samir Ghanem, Ragda, Ahmad Badr, Suad Nasar.
- 5.30 Hadith: Deeni: religious talk
- 6.30 Cartoons
- 6.45 After Iftar
- 7.00 Madinat Al Riyah: children's serial, starring Khalid Al Obaid, Maryam Al Ghabban.
- 7.45 Babath: Ao Al Saadah: weekly Arabic serial, featuring Samir Ghanem.

- 8.15 With Islam
- 9.30 Ramadan Contest: hosted by Huda Hussein
- 10.00 News in Arabic
- 11.00 Al La'aj: daily serial, starring Ghanem Al Saleh, Zainab Dahi, Maryam Ghabban.
- 12.45 Al Amlaq: Arabic film, starring Adel Adbam, Ragda, Salah Saadai, Susanne Badr. Two prisoners allowed to visit their family escape from police custody while returning to the jail. Directed by Ahmad Al Sab'awi.
- 2.45 News Summary/Imzak/ Holy Quran/ Closedown

FRIDAY

- 10.00 Holy Quran
- 10.30 Cartoons
- 10.10 Children's Magazine: a programme for young viewers.
- 11.00 Hadith: religious programme, presented by Dr Ahmad Abul Noor.
- 11.25 Friday Prayer from Grand Mosque
- 12.20 Min Wahi Abi Dulamab: religious serial.
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.25 Tao Tao: cartoons
- 2.00 Oo Ramadan: religious programme
- 2.30 Al Mao'timid Bin Ibad: historical serial

- 3.35 Dukkan Al Duniya: daily serial
- 5.30 Hadith: Deeni: religious talk by Sheikh Mobammad Murwalli Sharawi.
- 6.35 Cartoons
- 6.45 After Iftar
- 7.00 Madinat Al Riyah: children's serial
- 7.45 Kul Al Funoon: hosted by Rolab Al Farab
- 8.15 Wrestling
- 9.00 Deirat Al Kbair: Charity
- 9.30 Ramadan Cootest
- 10.00 News in Arabic
- 11.00 A talk show on Islam
- 12.00 Antaba L'roohak: Arabic play, starring Hamdi Abmad, Samah Anwar, Suad Hussein, Mazhar Ahu Al Nahi. The story of a girl who wants to remarry after the death of her first husband.
- 2.20 News Summary
- 2.35 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

- 8.00 Holy Quran
- 8.10 Ceotutions: cartoons
- 8.30 News in English
- 8.45 Football: The Amir's Cup.
- 10.30 Spenser for Hire: "The Long Hunt". Spenser escorts Doo to the Boston prison. Doo's father asks Spenser to let his son go.
- 11.30 The Bill Cosby Show: "The Aodalusio Flu". The Huxtables have the flu; and Theo is in charge of the house.
- 12.00 Late Night Movie: "A Time to Love and a Time to Remember". Starring: John Gavi, Lilo Pulver, Agnes Windbeck. 1958. Dramatic love story set against the background of WW 2. German soldier on furlough from battle falls in love, inevitably must return to the



Linda Hamilton and Ron Periman star in Friday's feature, Beauty and the Beast, on KTV 2.

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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Sultan Gallery
"The Islamic Heritage of Spain" is opened daily from 10 am to 1 pm and 7 to 10 pm at the Sultan Gallery, Thunayan Al Ghanim Bldg. Al Soor St.

THEATRE

Kuwait School of Contemporary Dance
The company will present two ballets "Carnaval" and "The Never Ending Story" 8.30 pm nightly, until April 29, at the Mousetrap Theatre, NES, Jabriya. Tickets — KD4. The box office at Mousetrap is open daily from 4 to 7 pm. For telephone bookings ring 5610673, 8 am to 1 pm.

Kuwait Players
Antidote — a Kuwait Players show of quick fire adult comedy sketches ranging from the subtle to the plain crazy — an evening of laughter will be held from May 11 to 15, 7.30 pm, at the Universal American School, Salwa. Tickets — KD 3. For reservations call 5613465; 5610925 (pm) or 5611546 (pm).

French Concert
The French Al Kindi quartet will give a recital of classical Arabic music and French baroque on Sunday, May 1, 8.30 pm at the Meridien Hotel. The Kindi Quartet comprises Julien Weiss (piano), Larbi Ouacbi (kaman), Mohammad Saada (flute) and Adel Shams Eddine (riq). Tickets — KD 5 — available from the Cultural Centre, Jabriya, Meridien Hotel and Voltaire Institute.

SOCIAL

German Economic Meeting
The embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany will hold the first economic meeting, 1988, on April 30, 8 pm, in the Terrace Room, Hilton Hotel. Representatives of all German companies operating in Kuwait are welcome.

Summer Affair 88
The Weekend Club will host Summer Affair 88 at the Regency Palace Hotel on the first day of Eid Al Fitr. Music by Next of Kin, Top Ranks and Apaches. A talent contest with lots of surprises and prizes. Show will be compered by David Burfoot and Julio Cordoz. Dinner features Indian and Continental cuisine. For reservations all Raven — 4714518; Mercedes 4890566; Carmello — 4835488/232.

Kumustahan
The next Filipino get-together (Kumustahan) will be held from 6 to 9 pm on April 29 at the Church Hall. All Filipinos are welcome. Snacks will be served.

Konkani Kendr postpones draw

THE Kendr has postponed the lottery draw for the Novem Goem Sudhor Somiti, due this month, to August 5, according to a press release. It said that the draw was postponed due to "circumstances beyond our control."

Story Time

Story Time for children will be held on April 28, 10.30 am, for children of ages between three and six at the British Council in Mansouriya. Children of all nationalities are welcome.

YMCA Holiday Special

The Young Men Cricket Association (YMCA) will hold the Holiday Special on May 17, Messiah Beach Hotel. Highlights are music by Top Ranks with special competitions such as Made for Each Other Contest, Funky King and Queen. For reservations contact Lancy — 4814914, 9 am to 4 pm, 3981790; 3929518, 5 to 8 pm.

SPORTS

Kuwait Nomads Rugby Club

May Calendar: May 1: Full match at Fintas; kick off — 7.30 pm; attendance compulsory for Cyprus tourists; all others welcome. Match followed by tour meeting to pay outstanding monies. Thursday, May 5: Game at Fintas. Men vs Women plus kids. Game followed by BBQ. KD 2.500 per head. Tuesday, May 10: Club annual general meeting at Gazelle Club, 7.30 pm.

Palarong Pilipino

There will be a meeting of all tennis participants, taking part in the Filipino Mini-Olympics, at 6 pm tonight at Mabubay Restaurant. All Filipinos are invited. For details contact Bong Melencio — 4877793.

Young Goans Association

Seven-side football tournament on May 17, Al Sour Ground. Draw on same day at 7.30 am. Tournament begins at 7.45 am. For details contact Almeida on 4813740.

Laser Sailing
Single Design Dinghy Sailing Club is being formed. Laser sailing enthusiasts contact Ken Balmoo on 5624111 ext. 751/739.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn
Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers special Ramadan buffets with Arabic and Continental buffets after sunset until 2 am. Sample Oriental delicacies including foul and falafel at the Ramadan Diwaneya for breakfast (iftar).

At the Hilton
Break your fast with family and friends in La Palma, open daily from sunset to 1.30 am. La Palma offers iftar buffet with thirst quenching drinks and Ramadan specials. A special a la carte menu is offered from iftar to 1.30 am.

Entertain friends or colleagues in La Patisserie, open daily from sunset until midnight. Coffee, cool drinks, ice cream, fresh juice and pastries are on offer.

The Falaka Restaurant has been closed for the month of Ramadan.

At the Meridien
Indian, Japanese and Chinese tea and sweets offered every evening after iftar in the Tea Lounge, until Thursday.

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.42 am
Zuhr	11.45
Asr	3.21 pm
Maghreb	6.23
Isha	7.46

FRIDAY	
Fajr	3.41 am
Friday prayer	11.45
Zuhr	3.21 pm
Maghreb	6.24
Isha	7.46

DRIVE-IN

Hikayat Nus Million Dinar (Arabic)
Starring: Yahya Fakhrani, Ilham Shahin
Al Firdous
Starring: Mary Crosby
Al Salmiya
Starring: Robert Beltrini
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Al Fahadhel
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Hawalli and Nagra
Al Kindi Pharmacy
Opp. Asian Olympic Council Bldg., Jabriya
Salmiya and Rumaithiya
Al Quds Pharmacy
Abdul Karim Khalifa Mazal Bldg., Amman St.
Fahadhel and Ahmadi
Al Sheba Pharmacy
Sheikh Ahmad Al Jaber Bldg., F'heel.
Farwaniya
Al Muawar Pharmacy
South Souk St.
Jahra
Al Khalid Pharmacy
Opp. Cooperative Society

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

- 0800 Opening
- 0802 Songs and Music
- 0805 The Spirit of Islam
- 0820 Songs and Music
- 0830 News
- 0840 Songs and Music
- 0845 Daily Programme
- 0900 Pop International
- 0930 Your Kind Of Music
- 1000 Our Present Today
- 1005 Songs and Music
- 1030 The Hit Makers
- 1100 Closedown
- 1330 News on FM Service

Urdu

- 1900 Opening
- 1910 Behereen Qaul
- 1916 Programme Preview
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Farshaiyan
- 2000 News
- 2030 Songs
- 2040 Radio Magazine
- 2100 Closedown

BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newsworld
- 30 King Street Junior (ex 28th Two Cheers For April)
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 Waveguide
- 40 Book Choice
- 45 Society Today (ex 7th The Story of English)
- 0200 World News
- 09 Community
- 15 Network UK
- 30 Assignment
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 New Ideas
- 25 A Letter from England
- 30 Citizens
- 1200 Radio Newsworld
- 15 Multitrack 2
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Peabody's Choice
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 Newsdesk
- 30 Classical Record Review
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News
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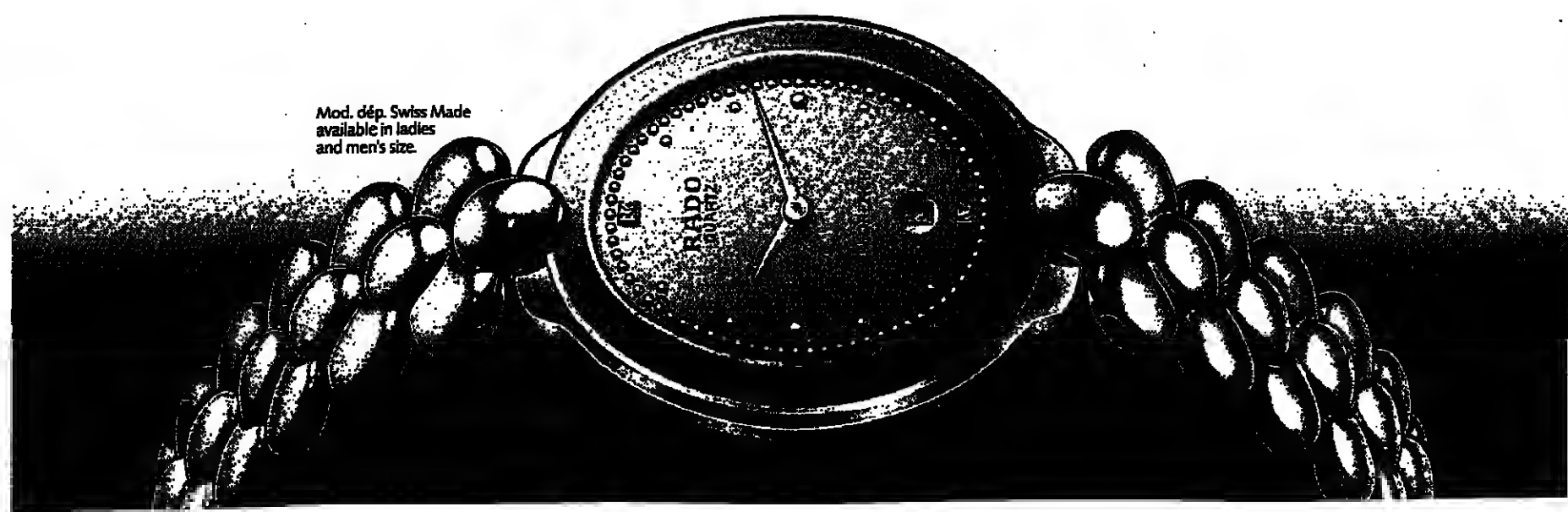
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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

EXCELLENT things are rare — Plato, Greek philosopher (about 427 BC — 347 BC).

Soviets beef up Afghan positions

By Earleen Fisher

KABUL (AP): A Soviet convoy lumbered out of Kabul shortly after daybreak Saturday on the road to Lowgar province, where Muslim rebel attacks have increased following the Geneva agreement on a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Residents and Western diplomats in the Afghan capital say the movements appeared aimed at resupplying existing Soviet positions nearest Kabul and the vulnerable Afghan Army.

There is little sign in Kabul that Moscow's troops are leaving the country they entered more than eight years ago to prop up a Soviet-backed government.

Foreign analysts in Kabul say this does not indicate the Soviets will not start the withdrawal on May 15 as scheduled. Instead, they say the Soviets apparently anticipate increased rebel attacks in areas that will be the last to be vacated.

Soviet watchposts on the road encircling Kabul show recent fortification. Fresh concrete and stonework surround Soviet sentry posts. Bunkers are draped with camouflage netting that two Western diplomats said was not there two weeks ago.

Pullout
Kabul is expected to be one of the last two cities the Soviets leave before the Feb 15, 1989, deadline for final pullout. The other is Mazar-e-Sharif, 65 kilometres (40 miles) south of the Soviet border.

Kabul, hub of Soviet operations, is 290 kilometres (180 miles) south of the border, but the towering, snow-capped Hindu Kush Mountains lie in between.

Mazar-e-Sharif is a dusty and seemingly placid town on the plain along the Oxus River that forms the international boundary.

The Soviet presence in Mazar-e-Sharif was apparent during a tightly supervised 7-1/2 hour visit arranged by the Afghan government on Friday.

Soviet Army fuel trucks were parked near 20 Afghan Air Force MIG-21 fighter planes at the airport and storefronts carried Cyrillic lettering. A dozen Soviet soldiers were sighted, including those in a tank that chugged up to a chemical plant a few kilometres (miles) west of town.

Western diplomats and Afghan officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the

pullout probably will start in the Soviets' most exposed positions, including bases nearest the Pakistani border.

The alliance of seven Muslim guerrilla groups, whose headquarters are across the easily penetrable Afghan-Pakistan frontier, rejected the April 14 Geneva pact because it does not guarantee a cutoff of Soviet aid to President Najib's government.

Officials in Washington said the United States will not halt its arms supplies to the guerrillas until the Soviets stop supplying Najib's troops.

Guerrilla activities, including bombings in Kabul, have increased since February with the approach of spring and the melting of snow in the Hindu Kush and other mountain ranges.

According to the report compiled by Western diplomats, 22 bombs exploded in the capital in March, compared with 10 in February. The bombs included magnetic ones with timing devices that can be attached to vehicles, one diplomat said.

Other guerrilla activities in recent weeks include cutting or severely limiting movement on roads linking Kabul with other major cities, the diplomat and residents said.

The diplomat said the rebels cut the road to Ghazni, 120 kilometres (75 miles) southwest of Kabul on April 14. A reporter who flew over the road a week later saw only a dozen vehicles on a normally well-travelled area of the road.

Lowgar province, which abuts the Kabul-Ghazni road, is "very insecure," a Western source said.

Fortified
The Soviet convoy of more than 200 trucks and armoured vehicles that headed to Lowgar on Saturday were fortified against possible attack.

Many of the trucks had metal plates that covered the lower half of the windshield on the driver's side and left only a brick-sized aperture on the passenger's side. The drivers, most of whom appeared to be in their teens or early twenties, wore helmets and flak jackets.

Interspersed in the convoy were trucks mounted with anti-aircraft guns. Since the guerrillas do not have aircraft, the guns' only use would be against targets on the ground — presumably guerrillas ensconced in the mountains.

Zimbabwe marches on

Eight years of growing pains

By Ian Mills

HARARE, Zimbabwe, (UPI): Zimbabwe turned 8 years old recently with celebrations for its years of independence but worries about economic problems and runaway unemployment.

President Robert Mugabe has all but eliminated party rivalry by merging his ruling Zanu-PF Party with the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union, called Zapu, led by former opposition leader Joshua Nkomo.

Mugabe and Nkomo signed a unity pact Dec 22 agreeing to merge the two parties and end more than 20 years of bitter rivalry. Mugabe promptly gave Nkomo and other Zapu leaders cabinet posts.

Party supporters from both sides have unanimously endorsed the unity agreement, paving the way for Mugabe to achieve his coveted goal of turning the country into a one-party state.

One major issue remains to be resolved — the lineup of the new joint party's central committee and the all-powerful politburo. Mugabe has been given the task of forming these two bodies from representatives of both parties but has not given the ratios, a decision vital to the success of the merger.

Problems

Yet even amid these problems and celebrations of eight years of independence, increasing economic problems loom ever more strongly. They will not really be eased by the party-political accord.

Government spokesmen and economic experts alike point increasingly to economic stumbles and steeply rising unem-

ployment. This last is being regarded as a time bomb that could shatter Mugabe's hopes for a politically united and peaceful nation.

The burgeoning education system is currently putting 120,000 new job seekers on the market every year, about 70 per cent of them high school graduates or better.

But the economy is creating less than 7,000 jobs annually, a figure that continues to decline.

Experts predict that Zimbabwe's unemployed will total a dangerous 1.2 million — in a country of 9 million — by the early 1990s.

Gloomy forecasts have prompted calls for relaxation of tight foreign exchange controls, a clear-cut and attractive investment code and changes in the strict labour laws that have deterred the creation of new businesses.

Critical

These calls have come mainly from the white-dominated private business sector, which remains highly critical of government spending programmes, costly social changes and the ever-rising costs of military aid to neighbouring Mozambique and its fight against anti-Marxist rebels.

Since independence in 1980, there has been little foreign investment in Zimbabwe, which was called Southern Rhodesia under British colonial rule and Prime Minister Ian Smith's one-sided declaration of "independence."

Making matters worse, international investors increasingly have put their money into profitable and sometimes tax-free investment funds instead of new businesses that would create jobs.

Opportunist Air-India

SIR: It's a pity to read that Air-India is stopping discounts on tickets during the peak season. I strongly feel that this is a tactic AI is using with passengers because Kuwait Airways is facing a difficult time due to the recent hijacking.

To ensure passengers' safety, Kuwait Airways earlier this month suspended flights to the eastern sector to study security problems. Instead of cooperating with Kuwait Airways, AI is using the situation for its own benefit.

Air-India said if any passengers hold tickets purchased earlier and want to travel on or after May 1, then their tickets have to be re-issued. I don't understand according to which regulation of IATA a ticket is invalid.

The tickets issued before and after April 20 will show the regular IATA published fare. So where is the difference? If a passenger benefits by purchasing a ticket at the right time why should Air-India object? Moreover, it is the discount that is changing and not the fare.

It is our sincere hope that AI will reconsider its decision before the passengers consider flying other airlines.

M. Qamruddin, Khaldiya.

Blackmailing passengers

SIR: This refers to the AT report about the sudden hike in Air-India fares.

Those who bought AI tickets did so not because of the comforts of AI flights but because of the discounts.

If AI wishes to blackmail or exploit Indians, due to a temporary suspension of KAC flights, we know how to retaliate. When the AI office was contacted, they said the airline is running at a loss. But the Gulf sector is the most lucrative for the airline. If AI goes ahead with the hike, we'll find other ways to travel.

AI officials have said that passengers even with okayed tickets would be stopped at the airport if the difference has not been paid. An air ticket is a contract between the carrier and the passenger. Once a contract is signed, how can AI revoke it?

Now that KAC has resumed

flights to Asia, let us travel by Kuwait Airways.

We request the Civil Aviation Authority in Kuwait and the AI management in India to clarify the dramatic change in policy.

An Indian passenger, Salat.

Fleeing Gulf Indians

SIR: The decision by Air India to dishonour their own tickets amounts to opportunism. Although it is well-known that AI is not dependable, it was due to patriotism that most Indians used to fly in their planes.

The excuse the AI officials give is loss of revenue. The loss of revenue is not due to Indians in the Gulf, but due to its staff and crew who specialise in smuggling.

Not a single week passes without news in the Indian newspapers about AI crew caught smuggling drugs, gold, etc. Recently at an airport in Nigeria AI crew were caught, and consequently AI lost crores of rupees due to the grounding of their aircraft.

Gulf routes earn money for AI, and still it squeezes more and more from us. Although we always supported AI, it always showed apathy towards Indians.

So let all Indians decide unanimously to boycott Air-India. There are other airlines flying to Bombay and other Indian destinations.

A non-resident Indian, Kuwait.

Making a quick buck

SIR: Air-India's approach to fares appears to resemble the proverbial Indian taxi meter that is perfectly calibrated to exploit the opportunities available. It works low-key around the Atlantic under the auspices of the FAA and gets into high gear where it feels it rules the sky.

The haste with which the national carrier of socialist parentage moved in to mop up the dinars, using the void of Kuwait Airways' temporary withdrawal suggests "that making a quick buck" and national interest are inseparable.

One wonders if the airline could use some of that drive to elevate itself from the dubious distinction of being placed

amongst the ten lowest rated airlines in the recent IATA survey.

We hope, for the extra bucks that we pay we shall get the same designer baggage tags that Air India's managing director Jetley ordered for his "boss."

Subir K. Ray, Safat.

Local conspiracy

SIR: Air India cracked a big joke by announcing full IATA rates for their tickets while other airlines still continue to give discounts.

It is a pity that Air India is the first one to exploit the Indians while feasibility studies on imposing IATA charges are in progress. Discontinuing discounts is certainly a local conspiracy rather than a general policy of the Aviation Ministry of India.

The full IATA charge has increased the cost of tickets for different destinations by 30 to 50 per cent. This increase is definitely an exploitation of the average expatriates who do not get any travel facilities from the institute they work for.

"The strike while the iron is hot" policy of AI during the summer vacation could only provoke the passengers to boycott it.

Thomas Cherian, Salmiya.

Exploitation

SIR: Air India exhibited cheap opportunism and flagrant exploitation by withdrawing the discount on fares to India at a time when Kuwait Airways temporarily suspended flights to the Far East.

At a time when maximum cooperation was expected of airlines to help ease the difficulties confronted by the passengers, AI Maharaja stooped low to cash in on the opportunity forgetting the ridiculous image such a move would project.

Gulf passengers have been and are always a gold mine to AI in shoring up its losses.

C.K. Satyara, Safat.

Taking advantage

SIR: Is it a mere coincidence, exploitation or open blackmail that AI has raised the fare to

India at the time KAC suspended operation? It is a shame, a cheap way to take advantage of the situation. After all, the Gulf is the most lucrative sector — businesswise — for AI.

Would the Indians unite and fly by other airlines and would the AI management have any explanation?

Talib K. Javi, Safat.

Prohibit drinking

SIR: Alcoholism has become a worldwide problem. India is no exception. The number of alcoholics is rising every day. The supply of liquor has risen considerably in India, even though a government directive says that there should be total prohibition in the country.

A few years ago a Maharashtra minister, who was under the influence of alcohol, misbehaved with an air hostess. The incident was made public, because he was a public figure. However, similar incidents occur frequently on the plane. Many people drink excessively and misbehave. Such incidents are not reported by newspapers because the people involved are not in the public eye.

Some airlines like Saudia, KAC and PIA do not serve liquor to passengers. But Air-India supplies unlimited quantities. A majority of passengers on Air-India are teetotalers. I request Air-India to impose a ban. If this is not possible, AI should reserve separate seats for teetotalers, like the non-smoking section.

P.P. Abdur Rahman, Safat.

Uncomfortable school buses

SIR: I have noticed that school transport operators in order to grab more money put too many students in the buses than their actual capacity. Consequently some stronger children, in order to get seats, in the bus, fight and push one another, resulting in small children losing their seats.

Long journeys make the children physically and emotionally weak. When children reach the school after one to 1-1/2 hours of exhausting travelling, they are unable to concentrate

on their studies. The principals of schools should realise this fact and take immediate steps to stop such practices. Transport operators' contracts should incorporate strict conditions. If the buses are not sufficiently supplied by the people, such contracts should be cancelled.

Buses should not take more children than their actual seating capacity. Since all children have to carry their school bags, it is quite essential that they should be given comfortable seats while travelling.

Since small children are prone to getting exhausted, they should be driven in air conditioned buses. I am sure parents will accept a reasonable increase in transport fees, if the transport system is improved.

John Mathew, Safat.

Appeal for peace

SIR: The hijack drama has finally ended. Also over is the suffering of innocent hostages after 16 long days. The former hostages deserve praise for their patience during those tortuous hours when they struggled with life and death.

Thanks to the leadership of Kuwait, the innocent men and women were safely released, except for the tragic death of two victims.

In this holy month of Ramadan, I appeal to all peace loving people, world leaders and the UN to resolve the 7-1/2-year-old conflict between Iraq and Iran. They must try and resolve the Lebanese dispute and settle the Palestinian problem. Only peace will spare the innocent from facing further hijacking, missiles, crimes and dire poverty.

P. Menezes, Safat.

Tighten security

SIR: I condemn the hijacking of the Kuwait jetliner and share the jubilation of the former hostages on their release.

Security check-up in Bangkok was apparently lax which helped the hijackers to smuggle in weapons.

There should be a thorough security check-up at all airports to foil any attempt to smuggle weapons into an aircraft. The



safety of passengers is imperative.

Modern hijackers have become sophisticated and the existing aviation rules do not deter them. The current 1963 Tokyo Convention and 1970 Hague Convention rules must be immediately amended to deal firmly with the hijackers before more corpses are thrown on the tarmac.

T. Phillip, Kuwait.

Happy moment

SIR: The morning of April 28th was the happiest morning in my life. All passengers of the hijacked KAC airliner were released on that date. Thanks to Almighty Allah.

The manner in which the government of Kuwait handled the dilemma deserves all appreciation. Thanks to HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and the people of Kuwait, who demonstrated their loyalty and unity.

Syed Mynudeen, Khaitan.

Wrong word

SIR: I appreciate the showing of an Islamic programme "Forty Hadith," presented by Hamza Sahnuun Beaz Yusuf, nightly at 9.40 on KTV-2. However, I would like to point out an error. The English language, as we know, does not have the word "testification." This word, however, is often used by Mr Hamza in his commentary. As far as we know the noun is testimony and the verb is testify.

All Behbehani, Hawaii.

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US: naval confrontation with Iran

WASHINGTON, (Kuna): The recent US-Iranian hostilities in the Arabian Gulf last week constituted the most significant American naval surface action since the 1944 battle of Leyte Gulf, a military analysis said Sunday.

Another, similar view noted the engagement — particularly the decision to use Chinese-made Silkorm missiles in violation of American warnings — was largely the result of mounting Iranian frustration and setbacks in several spheres.

The New York Times analysis said the naval confrontation was small by World War II standards. But in just nine hours of combat it left 6 Iranian warships sunk or badly damaged, and a US combat helicopter lost and presumed shot down.

Thus, the growing sophistication of military hardware has made engagement like the one with Iran "time-and-cost effective," experts believe.

That is, far more than in previous conflicts now is needed to accomplish the same ends. Administration officials related that few American weapons were fired at Iranian targets.

Specialists told the paper the action recalled other recent battles like the 1982 Falklands war and the mistaken Iraqi strike on the USS Stark.

It was clear in both instances that a single missile could destroy or cripple a large ship, they noted.

In World War II, ships were heavily armoured to help them

Time-and-cost effective battle

withstand the massive gunfire or torpedo attacks of the time.

But now, some critics say, Navy ships are light-skinned and intended mainly as platforms for advanced missile systems — and not for battle-worthiness.

That, and their complex and delicate electronics, make the new-style ships more vulnerable, the critics point out.

With the "first-shot" concept becoming crucial in modern naval warfare, US experts told the Times, that it was better to destroy missile sites on land before having to use fancy "counter-measures" to deflect or destroy en route the weapons they launch.

The Washington Post also observed the US-Iranian confrontations illustrated important lessons for military planners and other students of warfare.

But it concentrated on the motivation for the ferocious Iranian attacks — which the US had not expected and which one expert said resembled "angry bees pouring from a hive."

The Post analysis pointed out several setbacks help explain Iran's willingness to make what appears in the West as suicidal attacks on the far-superior US Navy.

Iran has "counter-retaliated" with speedboat and other attacks after the US pummeled two Iranian oil rigs. That action was in response to the recent mining of a US Navy frigate with newly-planted Iranian mines.

One is bitterness and humiliation from the sudden loss to Iraq of the strategic Faw peninsula, it said.

Another explanation is the failure of the Kuwaiti hijacking — widely believed to have had Iranian — government involvement — to achieve its stated goal.

Also, the more than 100 devastating Iraqi missile strikes on Tehran helped increase Iran's recklessness, the analysis argued.

Iran now stands virtually isolated and widely scorned for its persistence in the eight-year Arabian Gulf war.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1503 — Spanish destroy French fleet at Cerignola, Sicily.
- 1521 — Holy Roman Emperor Charles V grants his brother, Archduke Ferdinand, the Hapsburg possessions in lower Austria, Carinthia, Styria and Carinola.
- 1655 — English fleet destroys pirate fleet of Bay of Tunis and releases prisoners in Algiers; Protestants in Vaudois district of Savoy are massacred.
- 1789 — Mutinous crew of British ship bounty sets Captain William Bligh and 18 sailors adrift in launch in South Pacific.
- 1876 — Britain's Queen Victoria is declared empress of India.
- 1910 — Albanian revolt is suppressed by Turkish Army.
- 1936 — King Farouk ascends to throne in Egypt; Arab high command is formed to unite Arabs against Jewish claims.
- 1945 — Italy's dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress are executed by partisans in World War II.
- 1954 — Premiers of India, Pakistan, Burma, Indonesia and Ceylon confer at Colombo; India signs commercial and cultural agreement with China.
- 1968 — Tokyo police restore order after 5,000 people demonstrate for return of Okinawa to Japan, and an end to Vietnam war.
- 1969 — Charles de Gaulle resigns as president of France.
- 1976 — India's supreme court upholds right of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government to imprison political opponents without court hearing.
- 1978 — Leaders of military coup in Afghanistan disclose that President Mohammed Daud and several senior members of his government were killed when they resisted the takeover.
- 1986 — Soviet government reports nuclear accident at Chernobyl power plant and says those "affected" are being given aid.
- 1987 — Austria's President Kurt Waldheim, alleged to have a Nazi past, says on nationally broadcast speech that he has a "clear conscience."



By William Echikson

LJUBLJANA, Yugoslavia: When Mikhail Gorbachev took glasnost to communist Yugoslavia last month, he might have been surprised by a bit of browsing.

In bookstore display windows, copies of his "Perestroika" are stacked next to translations of Chrysler boss Lee Iacocca's autobiography. In newsstands, official publications reported Gorbachev's visit alongside lengthy articles about the Armenian demonstrations back in the Soviet Union.

"Gorbachev and glasnost are just cosmetics," sneers Robert Botteri, editor of Mladina, the official journal of the Slovenian Socialist Youth Alliance. "I don't think any leader in the Soviet bloc could stand our type of press."

To trash Yugoslavs, glasnost means not just openness about government actions, but challenging them.

In an edition last month, Mladina savaged the once sacred Army, denouncing Defence

'Gorbachev and glasnost are just cosmetics'

Minister Branko Mamula as "the merchant of death." The magazine advised the minister, who recently visited Ethiopia, to sell food, not arms, to hungry Ethiopians, and wrote an editorial calling for his resignation. Its title: "Mamula go home."

Criticism

"Find me any country in Western Europe where officials are so criticised," challenges Bozidar Dikic, a journalist at the Belgrade daily Politika. "And find me another country where public opinion becomes so electrified by the newspapers."

Indeed, the Yugoslav press packs a punch. Last autumn, journalists from the Belgrade party daily Borba uncovered a financial scandal concerning the Agrokomer agricultural firm. They pursued the story, reveal-

ing illegal ties between the firm and eminent politicians. The charges forced Vice President Hamdija Pozderac to resign.

"Without the press, there would never have been an Agrokomer," a Western diplomat said. When journalists begin holding unelected functionaries accountable for their actions, "it's an important advance for civil liberties."

No one dictated the increased freedom of the press. No new law enshrined it. Rather, the free-wheeling journalism results in large part from the power vacuum that followed the death in 1980 of Yugoslavia's longtime leader Josip Broz Tito.

Ten years ago, if a newspaper said something Tito didn't like then, there would be a telephone call to the newspaper and it would stop," recalls the

diplomat. "Now there is nobody who can make the call."

Tito bequeathed Yugoslavia a decentralised political system, with each communist party in the six republics and two autonomous provinces running its own newspaper and television stations. He also bequeathed his country an economic mess.

"After Tito's death, we were left with his disastrous legacy — a \$20 billion debt, high inflation, high interest rates," explains Miroslav Murko of the Slovenian weekly magazine Teleski. "Journalists couldn't help but notice these unhappy circumstances."

Gradually, the press began breaking down once restrictive self-censorship.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

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A	~85	~75	~55
B	~80	~70	~50
C	~85	~75	~55
D	~80	~70	~50

JUNIOR TIMES

Dear Junior Readers,

Safety while riding a school bus is not only the responsibility of the driver, but the student's as well.

If you are seated properly, facing the front of the bus, the driver will find it easier to watch traffic through the front window or rear-view mirrors. If he is able to see clearly, you and your classmates will have a safer ride to and from school.

If you speak softly to friends seated near you and refrain from shouting, then, the driver will be able to hear if another driver needs his attention and honks his horn or if an emergency vehicle is coming.

Safety on the bus is your business as well as the driver's. Remember bus safety rules and protect your life.

Aunt Barbara

Happy birthday

Juliana Jansen celebrates her third birthday Thursday, April 28. Best wishes, Juliana, from your family and friends.



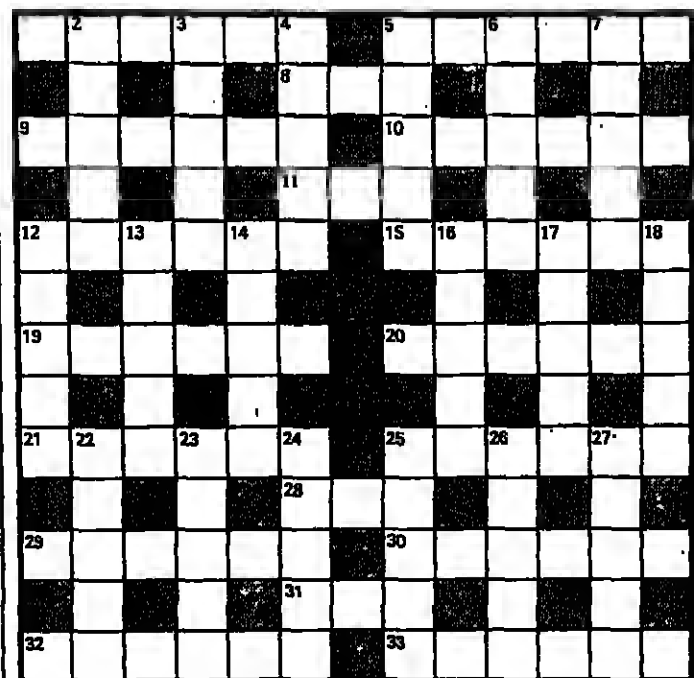
Doctor, doctor

Doctor, doctor, my aunt has a sore throat. Give her this bottle of auntie-septic.

Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking I'm a Swiss roll and custard. No wonder you're a trifle unwell.

Doctor, doctor, my husband thinks he's a car. Show him in at once. I can't - he's double parked.

Crossword fun



ACROSS

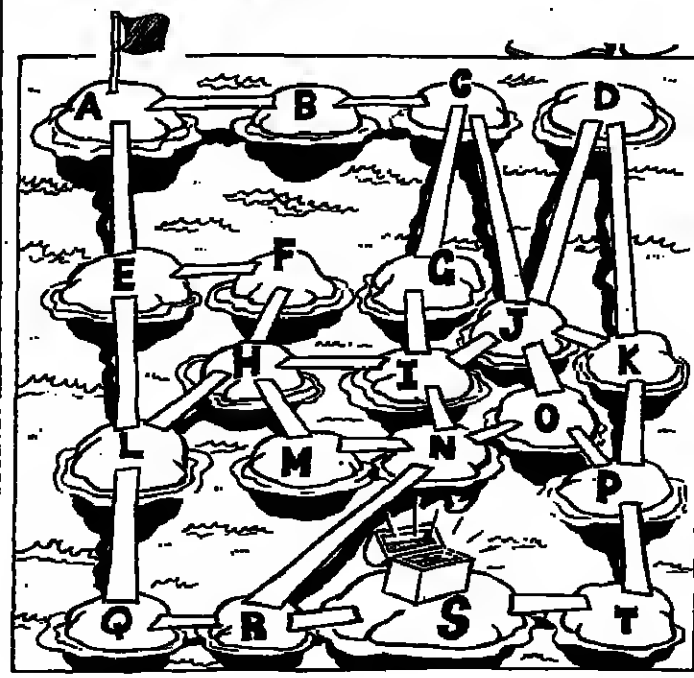
- 1 Goal (6)
- 5 Pullover (6)
- 8 Highest or lowest card (3)
- 9 In words (6)
- 10 Boat (6)
- 11 Untruth (3)
- 12 Hard, metallic (6)
- 16 Food cupboard (6)
- 19 White-skinned animal or person (6)
- 20 In the course of (6)
- 21 Roll back (6)
- 25 Choose (6)
- 28 Humour (3)
- 29 Mix (6)
- 30 Improvement (6)
- 31 Top (3)
- 32 Edible pulse (6)
- 33 Strong-smelling wild flower (6)

DOWN

- 2 Warning (5)
- 3 Roof end (5)
- 4 Match up (5)
- 5 Gem (5)
- 6 Type of tooth (5)
- 7 Bring to mind (5)
- 12 Step (5)
- 13 Arm joint (5)
- 14 Flaxen cloth (5)
- 16 Entertain (5)
- 17 Compel (5)
- 18 Correct (5)
- 22 Period away from home (5)
- 23 Gold bar (5)
- 24 Live (5)
- 25 Read (5)
- 26 Not now! (5)
- 27 Piece of bric-à-brac (5)

Island hopping

Which is the shortest route from island A to S, crossing an even number of bridges.



ONCE there was a fisherman, who lived with his wife in a hovel close by the sea. Each day he went down to the water and fished, and so it had been going for a long time.

One day as he sat fishing and gazing into the clear water, watching his line, it suddenly sank deep under. When he reeled it up, there was a big flounder at the end of it. The flounder said to him, "I bid you let me live, for I am not really a flounder, but an enchanted

prince. Set me back into the water and let me swim away."

"Well," said the fisherman, "no need for so many words. Any flounder that talks, I'm glad to let swim."

Then he set the flounder back into the water and the flounder swam straight down to the ocean bed, leaving a red streak of

About a fisherman and his wife

blood behind him.

The man went home to his wife and told her that he had caught a flounder that said it was an enchanted prince and so he had put it back into the water.

"And you didn't wish for anything?" said his wife.

"No," said the fisherman. "What should I have wished for?"

"Oh," said his wife, "it's so nasty to have to live in this pig sty forever. It's smelly and dirty. Go back and wish us a nice little cottage."

"Mandje! Mandje! Timpe Te! Flounder, flounder, in the sea! My wife, whose name is Ilsebill, Will not have things as I will."

The flounder came swimming up and said, "Well, then, what does she want?"

"Oh," said the fisherman, "my wife says since I caught you, I should have wished for something. She doesn't want to live in a pig sty any longer. She wants a little cottage."

"Go home," said the flounder, "and you'll find her in it."

So the man went home and there was his wife standing in the doorway of a cottage. "Come on in," she said. "Now, isn't this much better?"

"Oh," said the man, "now we can live here and be content."

"Yes," said the wife, "we will try."

"And so everything went well for a week or two, and then the wife said, 'Husband! There's not enough room in this cottage. The yard and garden are too small. I want to live in a big stone castle. Go to the flounder and tell him to give us a castle.'"

"But, Wife," said the fisherman, "the flounder has just given us this cottage. I don't like the idea of going to him again. He may get annoyed."

"Well, I want it," said the wife. "He can do it, and he'll do it willingly. Go on, now."

The fisherman went to the sea, but his heart was heavy. The water had turned violet and gray and dark blue, though it was still calm. He stood at the water's edge and said:

"Mandje! Mandje! Timpe Te! Flounder, flounder, in the sea! My wife, whose name is Ilsebill, Will not have things as I will."

"Well, then, what does she want?" said the flounder.

"Oh," said the man quite unhappily, "my wife wants a stone castle to live in."

"Go home, and you'll find her standing in front of the door," said the flounder.

The man went home and there stood his wife in front of a great castle.

"Look, Husband," she said, "isn't it beautiful?"

"Oh," said the man, "we will remain in this beautiful palace and be contented."

"We'll think about that," said his wife. "We'll sleep on it." And they went to bed.

The following morning the wife awoke at dawn. She poked her husband in the side with her elbow and said, "Husband, get up. We want to be king over all this land."

"Oh, Wife," said the husband, "why should we be king? I don't want to be king."

"Well then, I'll be king," said the wife. "Oh, Wife," said the man, "king of what? The flounder can't do that."

"Husband," said the wife, "go, at once. I want to be king."

And so the man went to the sea, but was most unhappy that his wife wanted to be king. As he came to the water, he saw that it was black-gray, with waves swirling up from below. He stood at the water's edge and said:

"Mandje! Mandje! Timpe Te! Flounder, flounder, in the sea! My wife, whose name is Ilsebill, Will not have things as I will."

"Well, what does she want?" said the flounder.

"Oh," said the fisherman, "my wife wants to be as the dear Lord is."

"Go home. She is," said the flounder.

"Now then," said the man, "are you king?"

"Yes," she said, "I am king."

After gazing at her for a while the fisherman said, "Well, Wife, now will you let it be? You're king, and we don't need to wish for anything more."

"No," said his wife, "I'm not satisfied. I can't stand it when I see the sun and the moon rise and know that I can't make them do it. I want to be as the dear Lord is."

"But, Wife," said the fisherman, "the flounder can't do that. He can make an emperor and a pope, but he can't do that."

"Husband," said she, "I want to be as the dear Lord is. Go at once to the flounder. And she gave him such a wild look that the fisherman trembled with fear."

Outside the storm raged, bending trees and toppling boulders. The sky was black, and it thundered and lightened, and the dark waves of the sea rose into mountains crowned with white foam. The fisherman stood there and said:

"Mandje! Mandje! Timpe Te! Flounder, flounder, in the sea! My wife, whose name is Ilsebill, Will not have things as I will."

"Now, what does she want?" said the flounder.

"Oh," said the fisherman, "my wife wants to be as the dear Lord is."

"Go home. You'll find her back in her pig sty."

And there they are to this day.

Wonders of camels



HOW many humps does a camel have?

Be careful — there is no correct answer to this seemingly simple question. Some camels have two humps while others have hut one. Moreover, certain members of the camelidae family (the alpacas, guanacos, llamas, and vicuñas of South America) lack humps.

Zoologists — students of animal life — have named the single-humped camel *Camelus dromedarius*. Because this animal was probably first domesticated in ancient Arabia, it is commonly called the Arabian camel. It is also known as the dromedary. However, it is incorrect to call all Arabian camels dromedaries. Technically, a dromedary is a special breed of one-humped camel trained to run at top speed while carrying a rider.

The double-humped camel's scientific name is *Camelus bactrianus*,

because it may have been domesticated first in Bactria (the classical name of a valley in northern Afghanistan). Popularly called the Bactrian camels, they are more ponderous though not as tall as their single-humped kin. Over the centuries two-humped camels have developed physical characteristics that enable them to work long hours in extremely cold temperatures. Similarly, the Arabian camels have become ideally adapted to life in the desert.

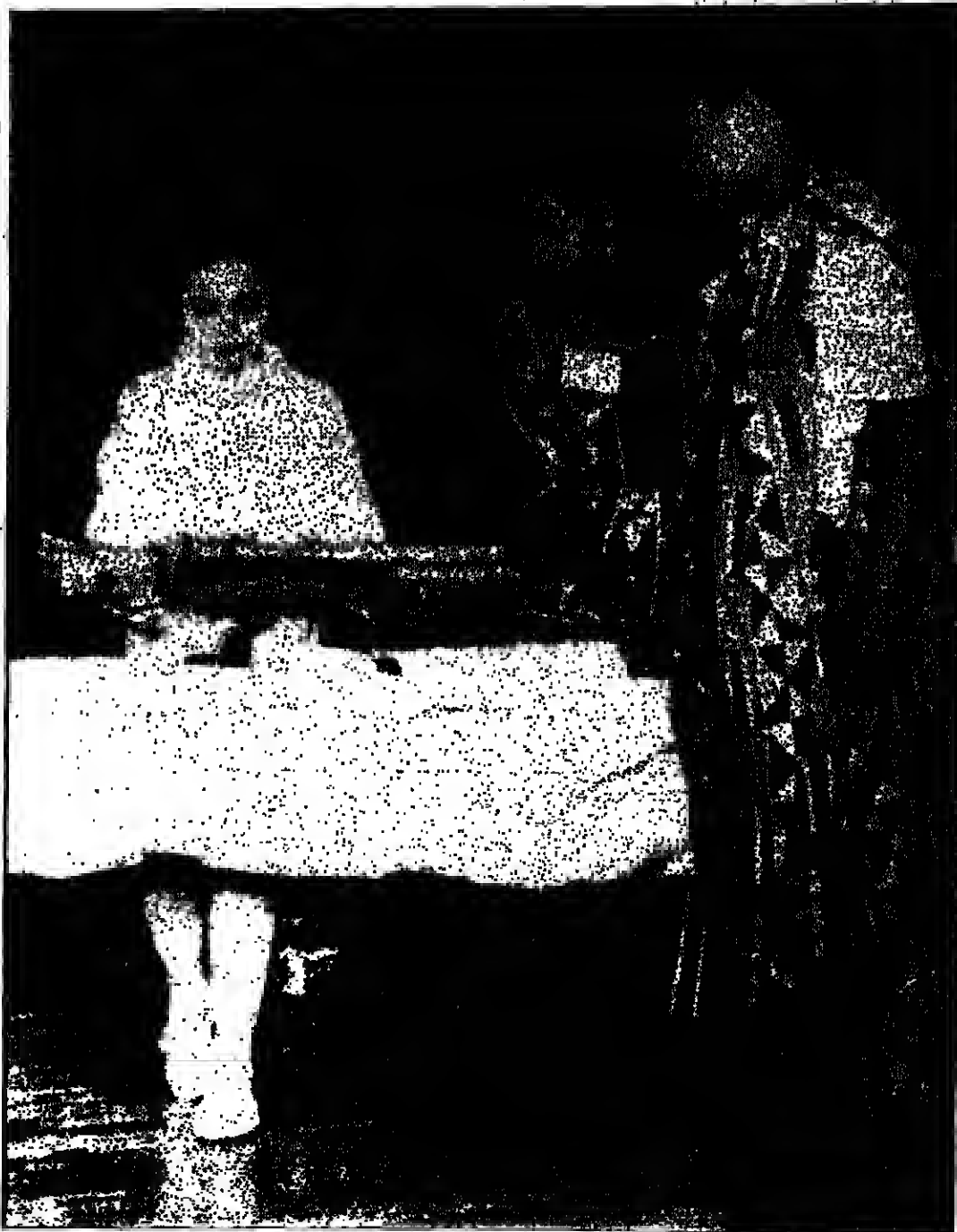
Until comparatively recent times the majority of zoologists were convinced that Arabian and Bactrian camels were two distinct species. One reason for this belief was the unquestioned assumption that Arabian and Bactrian camels did not interbreed. However, modern investigation has revealed that camel breeders in the Middle East and Asia have mated one-humped and two-humped camels for centuries. It has also been

learned that the offspring of such matings are highly prized because they are heavier and more vigorous than either parent.

Today, most authorities consider Arabian and Bactrian camels geographic race of a single species. This is not only because the two interbreed but also because, with the exception of the Bactrian's slightly shorter leg bones, their skeletons are so similar that experts examining fossilized camel bones from areas where both races once lived are unable to tell whether the bones are those of a one- or two-humped camel.

Because of the dissimilarity in the appearance of Arabian and Bactrian camels, early scientists could justify classifying them as two distinct species. But the difference in humps is more apparent than real. Anatomists have discovered that the Arabian camel has an imperfectly developed anterior hump.

Children seek peace



A young girl discards a toy gun during World Children's Day at the United Nations on Sunday. Several hundred children from around the world took part in the day dedicated to peace. (Reuter wirephoto)

Where to find teak

Teak is wood obtained from a type of tree known as *Tectona*. It is one of the most valuable woods because it is extremely hard and durable and can withstand the attacks of insects which bore holes into other kinds of wood and spoil them. The strength of teak comes from an essential oil present in the wood.

Tectona trees grow only in the dense forests of equatorial regions. It is difficult to transport the trees from these forests and for this reason teak is very expensive.

Burma produces most of the world's supply of teak, with India, Thailand, Java

Asia

and Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon) coming next.

Teak trees grow to an average height of 20 metres, although mature trees of 100 years old or more can reach 30 to 40 metres. The bark of the tree is about a centimetre thick and is brownish grey in colour. The sapwood is white and beneath this is the heartwood which has a strong aromatic fragrance and is a golden brown colour, which on seasoning darkens to brown marked with darker streaks.

In warm countries teak is chiefly valued for its

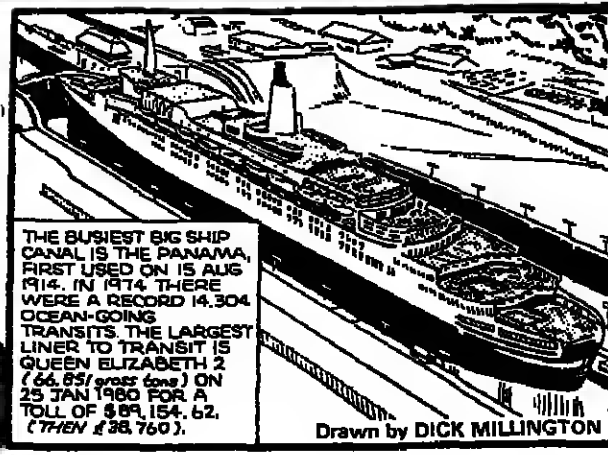
durability. Well-preserved teak beams have been found in buildings several centuries old and there are instances of teak beams having lasted for more than 1,000 years.

Teak is used in building ships and houses and also for fine furniture and wood carvings. A great deal of teak is shaved into very thin slices, called veneers, which are stuck to furniture made from other, cheaper woods. It was once used to make the decks of sailing ships because it did not rot as easily as other woods. Today it has become very popular in furniture-making but most of the woods sold as teak are really imitations that look like the original.

Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



THE SUEZ CANAL WAS PLANNED BY THE FRENCH DIPLOMATIST AND ENGINEER FERDINAND DE LESSEPS (1805-94).



THE BUSIEST BIG SHIP CANAL IN THE PANAMA, FIRST USED ON 15 AUG 1914. IN 1974 THERE WERE A RECORD 14,304 OCEAN-GOING TRANSITS. THE LARGEST LINER TO TRANSIT IS QUEEN ELIZABETH 2 (64,851 GROSS TONS) ON 25 JAN 1980 FOR TOLL OF \$89,184.62. (THEN \$28,760).

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Offer a good beginning, says Lukman

Oil producers propose 5pc cut in exports

VIENNA, Austria, April 27. (AP) Seven independent oil-producing nations, seeking to help Opec boost oil prices, proposed late yesterday that both groups cut their exports by 5 per cent, Mexico's oil minister said.

Rilwanu Lukman, the Nigerian president of the 13-nation organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, called the offer "a good beginning."

Analysts said the proposal, if implemented, could reverse the recent decline in oil prices caused by excess supplies.

Positive
"If they agreed to it, it would be very positive," for the oil market, said Paul Mlotok, an analyst for the investment firm Salomon Brothers Inc., who was in Vienna to observe the oil talks.

The Mexican Oil Minister, Fernando Hiriart, told reporters that he had proposed the 5 per cent cut in oil exports on behalf of Mexico and the six other independent producers: Egypt, China, Colombia, Malaysia, Oman and Angola.

Speaking through an interpreter early this morning, Hiriart said the 5 per cent cut by the non-Opec group would amount to about 200,000 barrels a day.

He said it was not clear exactly how the 5 per cent reduction for Opec would be expressed in actual barrels per day.

Hiriart said his government



Non-Opec producers Egypt, Malaysia, Oman, Mexico, Angola, China and Colombia started a meeting on cooperation to boost prices with Opec price monitoring committee members Algeria, Indonesia, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela. From left to right are Egyptian delegation led by Abdul Hadi Kandil and the Malaysian delegation led by Kasitah Gaddam. (Reuters wirephoto)

shares Opec's objective of driving prices back up in the organisation's official target of \$18 per barrel. Most Opec oil currently is selling for \$14 to \$15 a barrel.

He declined to say what Mexico or the other independent producers would do if Opec did

not agree to the export-reduction offer.

"We are ready to implement these measures when we find the adequate proportional response from Opec," he said, adding that this meant a "volume cut equivalent to 5 per cent of its

exports."

Opec exports about 14 million barrels of its collective oil production of between 17.5 million and 18 million barrels a day. Thus a 5 per cent cut would appear to mean an export loss of 700,000 barrels daily.

The non-Opec group was scheduled to meet again this afternoon with representatives of the six Opec countries for a final day of closed-door deliberations.

Arturo Hernandez Grisanti, the Venezuelan Oil Minister, told reporters that the six Opec officials were not authorised to make any decisions on the non-Opec offer. He said details of the proposal would be passed on in a meeting of all 13 Opec countries in Vienna tomorrow.

Production
Opec itself is sharply divided about whether it should reduce its oil production, although it has long welcomed the prospect of collaborative efforts by independent oil-producing nations.

If joint action were undertaken it would mark the first such accord with outside oil producers in Opec's 28-year history.

One of the main obstacles to an Opec agreement on reducing its oil output is the refusal of Iraq to cooperate. It is not party to an existing Opec production-limiting agreement because it was denied its demand for a production quota equal to that of Iran. The two nations have been at war since 1980.

A further complication for Opec is Saudi Arabia's decision this week to sever diplomatic relations with Iran. Although this was not expected to stop the oil ministers of both countries from sitting together at the Opec negotiating table, it could cast a dark shadow over efforts to agree on organisation policy moves.

Talks
Regardless of the outcome of Opec's talks with the independent producers, members of both groups said the meetings were important for the long-term development of the world oil market.

"It is the beginning of a new stage of cooperation between a large number of oil-producing countries," Hiriart said. "It is hoped that other countries will join in the effort."

Earlier, the Venezuelan oil minister criticised what he called US government attacks on Opec's efforts to win cooperation from independent oil producers.

Hernandez referred to comments by US Energy Secretary John H. Garvey last week that talks such as those in Vienna were "doomed to failure."

"Opec is making efforts to stabilise the oil market, and this stability is in the interests of everybody, including consumers," he told reporters, adding that this was true "even in the case of the United States."

World Business Summary

US industrialist signs new joint venture pact

BEIJING, April 27, (AP) US industrialist Armand Hammer, whose huge joint venture coal mine in China has been plagued by disputes, signed a contract yesterday to build a new joint venture coal preparation plant.

He also signed an agreement for his Occidental Petroleum Corp. of Los Angeles to sell to two Chinese companies technology to produce phosphoric acid. Hammer, 89, refused to disclose the dollar value of the new projects and insisted Occidental is not losing money on the \$800-million Antaibo coal mine in North China, the largest and most high-profile US-Chinese joint venture. Occidental has a 25 per cent share in the mine, 375 kilometres (230 miles) southwest of Beijing in Shanxi province. It opened with great fanfare in September but has been operating well below capacity because of mechanical problems and disputes with the Chinese partners over the price at which the coal is sold.

"We consider the problems we have had there minor problems," Hammer told a news conference after signing the two new contracts at Beijing's Lixious Dianyu state guesthouse.

"Those are the start-up problems you have with every project," he said. "These will be settled and we will be at full production, we estimate, by the end of the year." Asked about the financial cost of the disputes and delays, Hammer said: "We don't figure we've lost anything."

He insisted the mine can be profitable once it begins producing at its capacity of 15 million tons of raw coal per year, even if coal prices don't recover from their current low of about \$20 per ton. "We felt it was our duty to advise our bankers we were having these start-up problems," he added, but said the consortium of banks that extended a \$475-million loan for the mine "are satisfied with our explanation." The president of the joint venture, G.J. Gombos, sent a letter on March 30 to the banking consortium saying Antaibo's Chinese partners were disputing a contract promise to maintain a minimum price for coal exported for the mine.

Debt freeze cost Brazil \$5 billion, says Nobrega

BRASILIA, April 27, (Reuters) Finance Minister Maitson Nobrega said yesterday Brazil's year-long freeze on payments on its commercial debt cost the country \$5 billion. Nobrega did not specify where the \$5 billion would have come from, but a ministry spokesman said he was referring mainly to lost new loans from banks and international lending agencies.

Nobrega made the statement in a departure from a prepared speech to Congress. Brazil ended the halt of payments on its \$70 billion commercial debt early this year after it became a virtual outcast among foreign creditors. Nobrega spent three hours in Congress defending Brazil's return to orthodox debt policies before sharp criticism from lawmakers, including members of the country's most important party, the Brazilian Democratic Movement Party (PMDB). In a major policy reversal from a year ago, President Jose Sarney's government is seeking a stand-by loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The policy has generated controversy in Brazil, where the government itself has often denounced the IMF as contributing to recession. Brazil, the Third World's biggest debtor, virtually cut itself off from new funding by declaring a halt to interest payments on its foreign bank debt in February 1987. Nobrega, a career civil servant who took office in January, ended the debt moratorium and is trying to mend relations with the international banking community.

The government reached preliminary agreement with international banks last month on a new debt accord and Sarney said last week he expected a definitive agreement within days.

US experts arrive to tackle Brazil oilfield fire

SAO PAULO, Brazil, April 27, (Reuters) American fire-fighting experts arrived in Rio de Janeiro yesterday to tackle a blaze in Brazil's biggest oilfield. A spokesman for the state oil company Petrobras said the blaze at the offshore Campos basin off Rio de Janeiro state had caused more material damage than any other accident in the 35-year history of Petrobras. He said damage was estimated to be at least \$10 million already, and oil output had dropped by 60,000 barrels per day (bpd), nearly 10 per cent of national production. The spokesman said a drilling tower on the Enchova platform had been destroyed and added: "The communications tower is threatened and could fall at any moment." The fire began on the Enchova platform on Sunday after a gas leak. "At least for the next 15 days there is no prospect of putting out the fire," said the spokesman. There are two established methods for extinguishing fires in offshore oilfields: an explosion with dynamite to deprive the blaze of oxygen, or drilling a new well to inject fluids and prevent the escape of gas. The spokesman said it had not been decided which method would be used. Four fire-fighting ships are spraying the platform. There have been no casualties. All 250 workers on the platform were evacuated on Sunday before the blaze erupted.

The Petrobras spokesman said Brazil had a 60-day strategic stockpile of oil and would only start importing extra oil after about 15 days. Brazil's oil needs are about 1.2 million bpd, twice its normal production level.

Soviet industrial output up

MOSCOW, April 27, (AP) Soviet industrial production increased by 5 per cent in the first three months of 1988 as reforms requiring many factories and firms to operate on a self-sustaining basis went into effect, radio Moscow said on Monday. The official radio said Nikolai Belov, deputy head of the State Committee on Statistics, reported that the production increase exceeded the 4.5 per cent target set in state plans.

However, it said "production targets have not been met as regards a number of major commodities, and the quality of many of the goods is still substandard." The brief report did not specify the problem areas of the economy, or areas of success. It said the national income increased by 4 per cent. National income is a measurement of economic activity that differs from gross national product in not considering the value of some services. As of Jan 1, state-run factories and farms responsible for 60 per cent of the Soviet Union's production were required to depend on themselves for the revenue they need to operate.

That is one of the key elements of Mikhail S. Gorbachev's economic reforms, which are aimed at giving local managers more responsibility and flexibility. The Soviet Communist Party leader wants to limit central authorities to overall planning of the economy rather than exercising direct control over the production plans and quotas of factories and farms.

Elf Aquitaine buys in North Sea

LONDON, April 27, (Reuters) French state oil firm Elf Aquitaine is expanding its stake in Britain's North Sea oil fields, after an earlier bid failed, with its purchase on Monday of British mining firm Ritz Corp Plc's oil and gas business. Ritz said it sold its oil and gas business, which also has interests in onshore British fields as well as in the Netherlands and Italy, for \$308 million (\$579 million). Elf tried to buy another British North Sea oil company, Tricentrol Plc, in January for \$135 million (\$253 million), but was outbid by American oil giant Atlantic Richfield Co. The French firm is already a major player in Britain's offshore oil fields, and expects to pump the equivalent of 120,000 barrels of oil a day in 1988. Ritz decided to sell its oil business, with net assets as of the end of 1987 standing at \$28.1 million (\$184.4 million), because it felt the cost of expanding the operation was too high, chief executive Derek Birkin said. "We needed to triple or quadruple our existing investment and we still would have been a second division player," he told Reuters in an interview. Ritz shares rose 11 pence (20 cents) to £3.78 after the announcement, careful.

Riyad Bank reports increase in '87 profit

BAHRAIN, April 27, (Reuters) Riyad Bank, Saudi Arabia's second largest commercial bank, reported yesterday an increase in 1987 net profit and announced a split in shares.

The bank said net profit during a shortened, 10-month reporting year ended December 31, 1987 rose to 153.4 million riyals (\$41.4 million).

The Jeddah-based bank is switching its reporting period from the lunar Islamic year to the Gregorian calendar year used by the kingdom's nine joint-venture banks.

Net profit for the full Islamic year ended February 28, 1987, was 167.7 million riyals (\$45 million) but for comparison the bank also gave an adjusted profit figure of 140.6 million riyals (\$37 million) for the period.

Profits
The figures match a trend of improved 1987 profits among Saudi banks, which since the early 1980s have been hit by falling oil revenues and an inability to collect many of their loans.

A statement released with Riyad Bank's balance sheet said the bank had received approval for a share split. Shares now carrying a face value of 1,000 riyals (\$267) are to be divided into 10 shares each with a face value of 100 riyals.

The bank said it would also increase its capital to 200 million riyals (\$53 million) from 50 million riyals (\$14 million) by transferring funds from general reserves.

Iraq opens doors for Arab investments

BAGHDAD, April 27, (Opecna): Iraq has allocated \$11.50 billion for its 1988 investment plan, with 42 per cent to go to agriculture and industry.

Under the plan, 1,988 projects will be implemented, including 135 in agriculture, 207 in industry, 209 in transport and communications, 467 in construction and public services and 203 in education.

"By welcoming Arab investments in Iraq, we are motivated by purely pan-Arab motives and not by circumstantial needs, because Iraq is not a poor country."

Investment

It was with these words that on June 9, 1987, President Saddam Hussein initiated a campaign to encourage Arab investments in Iraq, a country with vast natural resources and growing economic potential.

According to Iraqi Minister of Planning, Dr Samal Majeed Faraj, investments are welcome in industry, agriculture, tourism, and public services.

Describing the new law as a model to encourage inter-Arab investments, he said it would effectively contribute to Arab economic integration.

Sceptics still worry

US economy pleases White House

WASHINGTON, April 27, (Reuters) The US economy's resilient performance in the first quarter has delighted the White House but failed to allay the nagging doubts of some private sector economists about the nation's huge trade gap.

"The economy is on track for moderate further expansion and restrained inflation in 1988," Beryl Sprinkel, President Reagan's Chief Economist, told reporters on Tuesday after the release of the government's first-quarter growth figures.

Prices
The statistics showed 2.3 per cent growth, slower than the 4.8 per cent pace chalked up between October and December but a far cry from the recession that some doomsmen had predicted after Wall Street crashed on October 19.

Japan sees little hope of solving microchip pact dilemma

TOKYO, April 27, (Reuters) Japanese officials left for Washington today for talks on a disputed microchip pact, but have little chance of ending US-West European conflict on the issue, a Japanese trade official said.

Japan wants to end disagreement over a ruling last month by a General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade panel on the 1986 US-Japan semiconductor pact under which Tokyo pledged to avoid selling computer microchips at below cost.

Japanese companies have a large share of the world market in semiconductors, tiny slices of silicon that are the heart of many modern electronics products.

The European Economic Community says the panel ruling upheld its complaint that the US-Japan agreement violated GATT non-discrimination provisions. US officials say the ruling concerned implementation of the

pact rather than the pact itself. "We realise it is almost impossible to find some solution between the two (Washington and the EEC)," an official of Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry told Reuters.

"We will have to decide by ourselves. We will find the best solution even though it is not safe," he said, adding that a unilateral decision could leave Japan open to criticism from both sides.

Rules
The European Economic Community says the pact broke GATT rules because keeping Japanese export prices high improved the competitiveness of US microchip exporters and raised costs for European users.

But US Deputy Trade Representative Michael Smith told reporters in Tokyo last week the panel's key finding was that Japanese measures to stomp the dumping of microchips in third

countries were inconsistent with GATT rules. "The statesman-like thing would be for the two governments to sit down and figure out something that is totally GATT consistent," Smith said.

To implement the pact's anti-dumping provision, Tokyo has been asking companies not to sell at below cost, monitoring chip export prices and issuing forecasts of demand, the official said.

World demand for microchips, in a slump at the time the pact was concluded, is currently soaring, and industry analysts said a halt in Japan's export price monitoring system was unlikely to lead quickly to dumping. But an unsatisfactory solution to the dilemma could leave Japan vulnerable to future friction with both Washington and Brussels, the MITI official said.

"Both can raise the issue in the future," he said.

Most countries set trade barriers for farm crops

WASHINGTON, April 27, (AP) Almost every country provides support and protection for its agricultural products in some degree, a new government report says.

"In some cases this is done primarily through policies that raise prices to consumers by protecting the domestic market," the US department of Agriculture says in a recently published book on farm export policy.

"In other cases, assistance is provided through subsidies financed by the taxpayer," it says.

Products
The report, aimed at informing Americans seeking to export food products, tells of quotas, tariffs, surcharges, health and sanitary rules and other restrictions that plague exporters to more than 100 countries.

However, it makes no judgment on whether the obstacles are fair. The report notes that wine

can't be advertised in Norway and Sweden, where the governments want to hold down consumption of alcoholic beverages, and that margarine can't be advertised in France because the government wants to protect French dairy farmers from competition in butter sales.

Sacred
Egypt won't buy almonds, it says, because it's protecting its meager stock of foreign exchange. India won't buy tallow because the cows it is made from are sacred in Hinduism.

And none of the 12 countries in the European Economic Community will buy foreign meat if it is mixed with soy protein, a restriction said to be aimed at protecting consumers.

There is no duty in Austria on imports of American rice, and Saudi Arabians apparently like American rice so much that rice from Thailand is packaged and sold there as if it came from the United States.

Most countries hit by soaring foreign debts

Finance plan helps small African businesses develop

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast, April 27, (AP) Esther A. Ocloo needed 30 years to pay off bank loans for her food processing plant in Ghana. With any luck, she will soon be back in debt.

Ocloo is hoping Ghanaian banks will approve a loan request of \$1,000 so she can expand her operation to fruit juices, jam and canned fruit. Ocloo said her business was built with several small, short-term bank loans and would continue to expand that way.

She is one of dozens of African entrepreneurs trying to grow with the help of the African Project Development Facility, or APDF. The year-old, \$7.2-million operation is sponsored by the African Development Bank, the International Finance Corporation and the United Nations to help smaller African businesses obtain development financing.

Scarcity is a fact of life in Africa, especially in terms of money. For business people big or small, getting the money to turn development ideas into reality is a major problem.

The APDF accepts applications from small businesses with annual turnovers between \$500,000 and \$5 million and ideas that have a chance for success. It helps them prepare project feasibility studies for potential financiers, a service that is free of charge.

For four years Kanga Ballou, an Ivorian businessman, had been trying to get his hands on a million dollars to start West Africa's first pencil factory. He is very close to realising that dream.

Three out of four local banks have approved loan requests totalling \$600,000. An APDF feasibility study convinced the bankers of the profitability of

Ballou's idea. He says he and his seven partners can put up the rest of the funding.

"The problem with people like me is that we don't have the money or knowledge to do these project proposals," Ballou said in an interview in his Abidjan office. "For years I approached these banks by myself and I couldn't get an answer." The reason, he added, was the banks could not afford the risk.

Expensive

Ballou wanted to use local wood to manufacture pencils for a market supplied by more expensive Japanese and European imports. The development project staff sent a wood sample to a European manufacturer for quality tests, which were positive. This was followed by a market study that discovered a healthy demand for cheaper pencils manufactured in Africa, by

Africans. Oclou who was in Abidjan to talk with APDF officials, would not discuss the amount of money she initially borrowed to build her business. But she said things would have been different, if the APDF had been around when she began.

"My business is still small," she said. "If I had had the APDF at the beginning, my company would be a multinational by now."

Other West African entrepreneurs interviewed about the APDF's work said the service helped fill a void left by the collapse of African development banks in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

In Ivory Coast, the world's biggest producer of cocoa and a leading producer of coffee, and the most obvious example is Credit De La Cote D'Ivoire, an important local bank, which has sus-

ended its credit operations for businesses. It was set up during the boom days in one of Africa's strongest economies.

Most African countries are encumbered by severe economic restraints, including high foreign debts, falling prices for export goods and devastating droughts.

Job

The result, explained Andre Cracco, manager of the APDF's West African operations in Abidjan, has pushed development banking into the background and many development banks out of business. Thus, the job of business financing has been left to commercial banks, which are not prepared to risk long-term financing on small businesses.

"They don't have the expertise and resources to appraise projects," said Cracco. "So they are careful. Maybe even too careful."

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, APRIL 28-29, 1988

LONDON (Alpha Stocks)			LONDON (Beta Stocks)		
NAME	LAST	192/0	NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
ABBEY LIFE	275/0	715/0	2ND ALICE	703/0	702/0
ADT LTD	114/0	283/0	600 GROUP	104/0	105/0
ALD LYONS	426/0	406/0	A.S. ELECT	141/0	141/0
ANSTRAD	162/0	565/0	AAH HLD	276/0	276/0
ARGYLL GP	200/0	387/0	AARONSON	129/0	130/0
ASDA GP	170/0	382/0	ACRE OIL	185/0	185/0
BAA PP	111/0	275/0	ADDITION	93/0	93/0
BTR	252/0	215/0	ALEX HLD	308/0	308/0
BAT INDS	422/0	530/0	ALEX WIKW	161/0	163/0
BAYCLOS	37/0	262/0	ALEXON	371/0	370/0
BASS	860/0	226/0	ALLO COLL	126/0	125/0
BEAZER	182/0	200/0	ALLO PLAT	52/0	53/0
BEECHAM	477/0	226/0	ALLIANCE	783/0	785/0
BERTSFORD	307/0	262/0	AMARI	173/0	173/0
BICC PLC	318/0	226/0	AMEC	395/0	396/0
BLUE ARV	118/0	200/0	AMER TRST	118/0	119/0
BLUE CIRC	425/0	226/0	AMERSHAM	445/0	446/0
BODC GP	379/0	226/0	AMH HLD	260/0	261/0
BOOTS CO	229/0	226/0	ANGLO O'S	199/0	199/0
BPR INDS	278/0	226/0	APPLEYARD	421/0	422/0
BR CON	282/0	226/0	APRICOT	105/0	106/0
BR AIRWAY	158/0	226/0	APV PLC	115/0	116/0
BR AEROSP	405/0	226/0	AQUAS-A	92/0	93/0
BR GAS RG	174/0	226/0	ARAB ENGY	71/0	72/0
B.P.	277/0	226/0	ARCHER AJ	160/0	161/0
B.P. NEW	79/0	226/0	ARLINGTON	200/0	201/0
BR TELCOM	246/0	226/0	ARMSTRONG	131/0	132/0
BRITOL	515/0	226/0	ASHLEY LA	111/0	115/0
BURZL	137/0	226/0	ATTWOODS	295/0	295/0
BURMAN OL	548/0	226/0	AUS REE A	256/0	257/0
BURTON	250/0	226/0	AUST REED	365/0	370/0
CABLESWIR	334/0	226/0	AVON RUBB	728/0	727/0
CADBURYS	369/0	226/0	B. WERNILL	162/0	162/0
COATS VI	250/0	226/0	BEJAMIN CP	32/0	32/0
COMN UN	334/0	226/0	BELMAY	45/0	46/0
COMS GOLD	935/0	226/0	BELLWAY	239/0	238/0
COOKSON	534/0	226/0	BENLON HD	57/0	57/0
COURTAUD	394/0	226/0	BENTALLS	185/0	186/0
DALGETY	295/0	226/0	BERKELEY	358/0	358/0
DEE CP	189/0	226/0	BIRN GROUP	115/0	115/0
DIXONS	180/0	226/0	BIRNOLD	383/0	383/0
ENG CHINA	421/0	226/0	BLACKWOOD	51/0	51/0
ENTER OIL	397/0	226/0	BLACK LE 2	18/0	18/0
FKI BARCK	123/0	226/0	BNETT + F	34/0	35/0
FERRANTI	79/0	226/0	BOASE HAS	256/0	257/0
GEN ACCID	906/0	226/0	BOOTHINGIN	130/0	131/0
GEN ELEC	152/0	226/0	BOOKER	398/0	398/0
GLAXO	963/0	226/0	BOOTH HENR	337/0	338/0
GRANADA	333/0	226/0	BORTHWICK	48/0	49/0
GLOBE	135/0	226/0	BOATMAN	382/0	381/0
GLYNED	460/0	226/0	BORTHORPE	171/0	172/0
GRAND NET	494/0	226/0	BRASTERS	63/0	64/0
GUARD RYL	915/0	226/0	BR DREDD	129/0	129/0
GUN	306/0	226/0	BR LAND	308/0	309/0
GUTHRISS	315/0	226/0			
HANSON	568/0	226/0			
HANSON SIO	473/0	226/0			
HILLSDOWN	280/0	226/0			
ICI	990/0	226/0			

World Indices				
INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1448.9	1431.3	1415.5	1386.7
FT 500 SHR	1019.2	1019.2	1007.5	957.6
FT ALL SHR	926.12	926.12	916.25	896.75
FT 60 SEC	89.99	89.99	89.89	91.03
FT GOLD IN	207.1	207.1	207.1	207.1
FT MINES F	463.72	463.72	459.70	432.96
FT OIL	1849.4	1849.4	1823.9	1768.7
FT MLD OIL	129.98	129.98	128.66	128.44
FT MLD STG	102.78	102.78	100.93	101.83
FT MLD LOG	113.55	113.55	112.26	112.29

London Stock Market Report

BIO TALK KEEPS U.K. EQUITIES FIRM AT MIDSESSION
LONDON, APRIL 27, REUTER - EQUITIES REMAINED FIRM THROUGHOUT THE MORNING SESSION WITH BIO RUMOURS KEEPING PRICES BUOYANT, DEALERS SAID.

CADURY WAS STILL THE MAIN FEATURE WITH A NET 47P RISE TO 578 AFTER ITS 17.7 PCT U.S. SHAREHOLDER GENERAL CINEMA SAID IT MAY SEEK CONTROL OF THE COMPANY. THIS MOVE COMES AFTER THE 2.1 BILLION STK NESTLE BIO FOR ROYALTY YESTERDAY AND IS PROMPTING MUCH SPECULATION IN THE FOOD SECTOR GENERALLY.

AT 1100 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS UP A NET 11.3 POINTS AT 1,812.1 ALTHOUGH VOLUME OUTSIDE OF THE SPECIAL SITUATIONS WAS RELATIVELY LOW. AT THE SAME TIME, 320 MLN SHARES HAD CHANGED HANDS.

THERE WERE NO FRESH THEORIES ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE FOOD SECTOR WITH THE GENERAL CONSENSUS OF OPINION THAT NESTLE WILL WIN CONTROL OF ROYALTY AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO INCREASE ITS 50P PER SHARE BIO IN ORDER TO DO SO.

SOME THINK THAT CADURY IS A POTENTIAL BREAK-UP SITUATION WITH GENERAL CINEMA TAKING THE DRINKS SIDE OF THE BUSINESS AND A COMPANY SUCH AS SUCHARD TAKING THE CONFECTIONERY DIVISION.

SUCHARD HAS 14.9 PCT STAKE IN ROYALTY BUT MANY THINK IT IS UNLIKELY TO WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN A BIO BATTLE WITH A COMPANY AS BIG AS NESTLE.

London Gold

LONDON, APRIL 27, REUTER - GOLD BULLION CONTINUED TO FIRM QUIETLY THIS AFTERNOON DUE LARGELY TO TALK OF CRUDE OIL EXPORT CUTS COMING FROM THE OPEC/NON-OPEC MEETING IN VIENNA, WHICH WAS ALSO REFLECTED IN A STRONGER NEW YORK OPENING.

GOLD BROKE THROUGH THE 450 OZS AN OUNCE LEVEL AND WAS FIXED THIS AFTERNOON AT 450.30 OZS, ABOVE YESTERDAY'S CLOSE OF 447.50/448.00 OZS AND THIS MORNING'S FIX OF 449.10 OZS.

DEALERS REPORTED LITTLE MIXED BUYING PROMPTED BY THE FEAR THAT OIL EXPORT CUTS MIGHT ADD TO INFLATIONARY PRESSURE. TODAY WAS ALSO AN OPTION EXPIRY DATE WHICH FURTHER AIDED POSITIVE MARKET SENTIMENT, DEALERS ADDED.

London Money Market

LONDON, APRIL 27, REUTER - U.K. MONEY MARKET RATES WERE LITTLE CHANGED IN QUIET TRADING, WITH STERLING BARRELY MOVING ON THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND OPERATORS WAITING FOR FRIDAY'S U.K. TRADE FIGURES FOR MARCH.

ONE DEALER COMMENTED, "IT'S VERY BORING THIS MORNING. FUTURES ARE UP A BIT AND CASH RATES HAVE EASED A TOUCH IN PLACES BUT THERE ISN'T A LOT GOING ON."

THE MAIN SOURCE OF INTEREST WAS AN UNEXPECTED LIQUIDITY SURPLUS, FORECAST BY THE BANK OF ENGLAND AT AROUND 200 MLN STG. THIS LED TO CHEAPER SHORT DATES, WITH OVERNIGHT INTERBANK DROPPING TO 6-1/2 PCT BIO FROM AN EARLY 7-1/8 PCT.

Foreign Exchange

OLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
OLR	1.8685/95	1.6700/95	5.6975/05	NOON
STG	1.8712/22	3.1405/45	10.6590/6725	NOON
DMK	1.679/6829	3.136/150	29.395/555	NOON
FFR	5.672/704	10.641/659	338.88/9.52	FIX
SFR	1.600/3910	2.6018/6046	82.77/87	1300
WFL	1.8840	3.5225	112.13	FIX
EUR	1.38281	0.735968	2.31275	7.05644
YEN	125.10/20	234.07/40		
SR	RATES	26/04/1988	OTHERS	27/04/1988

BR VITA	431/0	HICKS IN	166/0	165/0	ROTHCK	148/4	148/4
BRAMMER	243/0	HIGGS HTL	332/0	331/0	RUBERTO	148/0	148/0
BREMIT CHE	138/0	HIDEN GRP	373/0	372/0	RUGBY GRP	257/0	256/0
BREMIT WGR	372/0	HOGG TST	228/0	228/0			
BRIANTRIC	150/0	HOLLIS	107/0	108/0	SAGA HOLDS	179/0	179/0
BRITANNIC	033/0	HOPKINSON	126/0	126/0	SALVESSEN	165/0	164/0
BUNNEN	298/0	HPHTN CRM	253/0	253/0	SAVITIO G	43/0	44/0
BUNNEN	106/0	HRSS GROUP	132/0	132/0	SCOR. GLOB	903/0	900/0
BSC INTL	64/4	HTV GROUP	229/0	233/0	SCOR. HERT	212/0	211/0
BULMER HP	174/0	IBSTOCK J	187/0	186/0	SCOT I.T.	196/0	197/0
CALEDONIA	345/0	ICE.FZ.FD	340/0	340/0	SCOT MCT	123/0	124/0
CALOR GRP	369/0	IMRY M.DV	381/0	380/0	SCOT MORT	130/0	130/0
CAMP ELEC	233/0	INDPNT	44/4	44/0	SCOT MORT	100/0	101/0
CAMP INST	41/0	INDPNT	7/4	7/4	SCOT NAT C	371/0	373/0
CANNING W	182/0	INT.BU.CN	118/0	118/0	SCOT NAT C	30/0	30/0
CANNON ST	283/0	INT.CJ.CN	158/0	157/0	SCOT NAT W	93/0	93/0
CAP GRP	305/0	INV.CAP.	323/0	323/0	SECS TST	100/0	99/0
CAP-RADIO	220/0	INVERGORD	210/0	210/0	SENIOR EN	54/0	54/0
CARLEON EN	172/0	JHSH.MATH	286/0	285/0	SIEBE	329/0	328/0
CARLESS C	112/4	KENNY BRK	33/4	33/4	SIMON	260/0	260/0
CARLTON C	74/0	KESYON	412/0	413/0	SINGERAFR	70/0	71/0
CASE GRP	80/0	KETSON	79/0	79/0	SLOUGH ES	279/0	279/0
CATER ALL	370/0	KLMRT O'S	383/0	384/0	SMITH D	354/0	355/0
CENTL TTY	500/0	KLMRT B'S	120/0	121/0	SMITH V-B	59/4	59/4
CHARTERHA	26/0	KWIK SAVE	340/0	341/0	SMURFIT S	375/0	375/0
CHAS CHUR	124/0	KWIK-FT	199/0	198/0	SOUND OIF	31/0	31/0
CHRYSLER	553/0	LAING 'A'	320/0	321/0	SOV.OHAS	114/0	113/0
CIO-CON	52/0	LAING ORD	320/0	321/0	SPONG HLD	16/2	16/1
CHRISTIES	57/0	LAING PRP	598/0	598/0	SPRING RAM	189/0	190/0
CI GROUP	44/0	LAIRD GP	239/0	238/0	SPRXC-SARC	182/0	181/0
CLOYDE PET	139/0	LAKNOT HL	280/0	280/0	STAKTS	103/0	103/0
CINCIDE EN	68/4	LANDLEITS	514/0	513/0	STANLEY A	295/0	295/0
CINTRL-SEC	52/0	LASMO OPS	173/0	170/0	STORMGRAB	11/4	12/4
COALITE	31/4	LAWRENCE-W	152/0	152/0	STVLV IND	158/0	158/0
COATES BR	327/0	LON & MAN	279/0	269/0			
COLLINS A	467/0	LON & MET	188/0	188/0	T. TEES TV	566/0	566/0
COLLINS W	570/0	LON SHOP	243/0	244/0	TELEMETRX	25/0	26/0
COLOROLL	175/0	LON UTD	205/0	205/0	TELERENTS	206/0	205/0
COSTAIN	312/0	LEIGN INT	215/0	216/0	TEMPLE SA	206/0	208/0
COURTS FR	258/0	LEX SERVC	376/0	376/0	T1 GROUP	318/0	318/0
COMTE (C)	120/0	LILLEY FJ	40/0	40/0	TIE RACK	134/0	135/0
CREST NIC	227/0	LIT	30/0	51/0	TIME PROD	189/0	190/0
CROA	115/0	LOGICA	286/0	287/0	TOKMINS F	243/0	242/0
CROH INT	184/0	LOU L (HD)	252/0	253/0	TOOTAL GP	101/0	103/0
CROWTHER	179/0	LOU (HR)	583/0	583/0	TR CITY	69/4	71/4
CROSBY JA	156/0	LOU LHRD	405/0	405/0	TR INDUST	112/0	113/0
CRYSTALAT	162/0	LOU-BONER	245/0	245/0	TR PACIFIC	47/4	47/4
		LUT HLD	145/0	147/0	TR PERTY	96/0	96/0
DARES EST	31/0	M-HG GRP	381/0	380/0	TRAVEL SER	344/0	345/0
DANSON IN	204/0	M.T.N-PLC	140/0	139/0	TRIWOOD	37/0	37/0
DE LA RUE	384/0	MORRO 4	283/0	283/0	TRIPLEX	180/0	180/0
DELTA GRP	211/4	NAI	97/0	98/0	TRIWOOD G	30/0	30/0
DIPLOMA	32/5	NANDERS	374/0	372/0	TRIWOOD W	13/0	13/0
DRAYTON C	428/0	NANFIELD	409/0	410/0	TRSP-ORT V	220/0	222/0
DRAYTON C	265/0	NARCARTHY	271/0	270/0	TURRIFF	319/0	318/0
DRE	372/0	NARLEY	15/0	15/0	TV SOUTH	309/0	310/0
DUMHILL	201/0	NARSTON T	117/0	117/0	TYLR WORO	418/0	418/0
EAGLE RFD	18/2	MATTHEWS	86/0	85/0	TYNDALL	142/0	143/0
EAGLE TST	18/4	MALPINE	451/0	432/0			
EDIN I.T.	148/0	MCCARTHY	492/0	492/0	U-APP HOL	280/0	280/0
ELECTRA	197/0	MCCARTHY	310/0	310/0	U-BORLAND	108/0	108/0
ELECTROCR	204/0	MEMEC	236/0	235/0	U-BRIST S	37/0	37/0
ELLIS EVA	187/0	MENZIES J	366/0	366/0	U-CITIF	13/4	13/4
ELLIS GOL	66/0	MERCH.TST	140/0	141/0	U-CLUFF	112/0	112/0
EMAR	194/0	METALRAC	80/0	81/0	U-DEVEY W	118/0	120/0
EMPIRE ST	205/0	MEYER INT	380/0	381/0	U-ELDRAGE	364/0	362/0
ESKIRME H	231/0	MIOSUMER	557/0	557/0	U-EXPLAUR	38/4	38/4
EURO V RG	23/0	MINET HD	475/0	480/0	U-FIELDS	93/0	93/0
EUROETHERM	345/0	MIT CHLT	122/0	123/0	U-FLOYD O	30/4	31/0
EUKROT RG	327/0	MONKS IT	201/0	202/0	U-HAMTHRN	40/0	40/0
EVERED HL	109/0	MORGAN CR	263/0	262/0	U-HUGH-KT	70/0	70/0
EVOUDE GRP	160/0	MORGAN GF	267/0	267/0	U-HUGHES	102/0	102/0
F&C EUROIT	187/0	MORLAND	500/0	500/0	U-KLUNCK	39/0	39/0
F&C PACIF	127/0	MOUNTLEIG	160/0	161/0	U-LDN FRFT	165/0	166/0
F&C SMILL	65/0	MUMLEN J	408/0	408/0	U-MICROTR	39/0	40/0
FALCON	59/0	MURRIN SML	247/0	247/0	U-MOLINAR	38/0	38/0
FARNELL E	163/0	MURRY INTL	167/0	167/0	U-MORRIS W	8/0	8/0
FED. HOUNS	295/0	MUCKLOW	165/0	168/0	U-MURRYDAN	375/0	380/0
FED. HOUNS	168/0	N.AMER TS	350/0	350/0	U-PROP TS	2/6	2/6
FELT	272/0	N.ENG.IND	94/0	94/0	U-RNDSMT	143/0	143/0
FIMLAY J	82/0	NEUWARTHIL	360/0	360/0	U-ROLFSEN	173/0	173/0
FITCH LOV	260/0	NEWS INTL	271/0	270/0	U-SELECT-V	21/0	21/0
FLING AMER	110/0	NNAN INDS	55/4	55/4	U-STH BUS	307/0	308/0
FLING CLAV	499/0	NNAN TONK	178/0	178/0	U-STHOPRO	218/0	218/0
FLING F.EA	179/0	NNAN TRCS	408/0	408/0	U-T.V.AM	141/0	142/0
FLING JAPN	214/0	NNAN FOLK C	30/0	30/4			
FLING MERC	172/0	NORHAMNS	53/4	53/4	U-TSB C I	159/0	158/0
FLNG OSEA	146/0	NORIN OPX	128/0	128/0	U-TUBULAR	25/4	26/0
FLNG TECH	158/0	NSM PLC	9/2	9/2	U-UTC GRP	203/0	202/0
FLNG UNIV	238/0	NORDIN-PCO	141/0	141/0	U-WAYNE K	68/0	69/0
FOSECO NI	252/0	OSORY EST	23/0	23/0	U-WMS LEI	52/4	52/4
FR GROUSE	103/0	OWNERS AB	93/0	94/0	U-UTKO GP	73/0	73/0
FRESHAKE	167/0	P O WTS	63/0	63/0	U.E.I.	340/0	340/0
FST TEISR	147/0	PACIFIC A	114/0	115/0	UK PAPER	139/0	140/0
FST SCOT F	258/0	PEACHEY P	443/0	449/0	ULSTER TV	75/0	76/0
FST NAT F	381/0	PENTLAND	109/0	109/0	UNDERWOOD	139/0	138/0
FUR & COL	103/0	PHICOM	48/0	48/0	UNION OIS	145/0	144/0
GARDINER	47/0	PHOENIX	95/0	95/0	UTD. SCTEN	183/0	183/0
GAS	225/0	PICKWICK	209/0	210/0			
GEI INTL	115/0	PLEASURAN	172/0	173/0	VALUEGRIP	54/0	55/0
GESTETNER	181/0	POLLY PCK	300/0	299/0	VALUX GRP	578/0	580/0
GOL PET	102/0	POWELL D	347/0	346/0	VERSON	19/0	19/0
GPG	78/0	PREDERYN	117/0	116/0	VS INSTMT	408/0	410/0
GRAPPH MD	252/0	PRESBY(A)	235/0	235/0	VICKERS	168/0	169/0
GREEN KING	441/0	PREN COS	68/4	69/0	VPI GRP	311/0	312/0
GREENLW	218/0	PROUDFOOT	280/0	281/0			
GREYCOAT	384/0	QUEENS MO	98/0	99/0	WARBURG S	327/0	327/0
GRMP TV A	46/0				WARTER	316/0	316/0
GT. PTILND	305/0				WATERTE	78/0	78/0
GUS ORD	625/0				WATERFO U	183/0	184/0
GVTT ORTE	270/0				WATES CTS	197/0	198/0
GVTT STRA	227/0				WATSON-P	197/0	198/0
					WATTS B&B	270/0	270/0
N'LD DIS	105/0				WCRS GRP	256/0	256/0
HALL (M)	151/0				WELMAN	36/4	37/0
HALMA	148/0				WEMLEY	123/0	124/0
HAMBROS I	202/0				WESTLAND	79/0	81/0
HAMBROSK I	600/0				WHEWAY	31/4	32/0
HARRISON C	604/0				WIDNEY	30/0	30/0
HEATHCOTE	386/0				WITAN INV	106/4	107/0
HELENE LN	35/0				WIKER GRN	115/0	115/0

Sterling eases

Dollar rises in quiet trade, gold gains

LONDON, April 27, (AP): The US dollar rose in quiet European trading this morning after strengthening earlier in Asia, foreign currency dealers said. Gold prices also rose.

Dealers said the dollar received some psychological support from its rise against the Japanese yen, which lost ground on signs the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries and seven non-OPEC producers meeting in Vienna may be able to agree to substantive production cuts.

The yen is particularly sensitive to oil-price developments because of Japan's heavy dependence on oil imports.

Buoyed
Dealers said the dollar was also buoyed by continued market uneasiness about developments in the Middle East, particularly Saudi Arabia's announcement last night that it was severing ties with Iran and giving Iranian diplomats one week to leave the country.

The market often views the dollar as a "safe haven" currency in times of political tensions.

Other dollar rates at midmorning, compared with late last night in London:
● 1.6785 West German marks, up from 1.6747

● 1.3895 Swiss francs, up from 1.3860
● 5.6991 French francs, up from 5.6875
● 1.8798 Dutch guilders, up from 1.8765

● 1.24630 Italian lire, up from 1.24400
● 1.2285 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2289

In London, the British pound was quoted at \$1.8730, cheaper for buyers than 1.8760 late yesterday.

London shares were marked higher in early today trading helped up by takeover bid speculation, dealers said.
The FTSE index of 100 blue chip British stocks began 7.3 points up at 1,808.1

Confectionery leverages group Cadbury-Schweppes Plc surged 56 pence (\$1.04) to £3.87 (\$7.24) at the opening, dealers said.

Rallied
Cadbury rallied after its 17.7 per cent US shareholder, General Cinema, said it intended to take its stake to 25 per cent and may seek control of the company.

This followed yesterday's £2.1 billion (\$3.95 billion) bid for British candy maker Rowntree Plc by Nestlé of Switzerland.
Frankfurt dealers said Ger-

man shares were barely changed in early business with very little activity.

In Tokyo, stocks dropped on the Tokyo stock exchange today in pre-bid profit-taking that broke a four-session winning streak, brokers said.

Reasons

The key Tokyo share index fell 54.80 points to finish at 27,191.97. Declines exceeded advances by 1.4 to one.

"There was buying in anticipation of Wall Street coming back and the US GNP figure coming in on target," said strategist Craig Cudler of Smith New Court Far East. "The market is on hold right now."

Japan's coming long weekend and three-day holiday next week were the main reasons for fence-sitting, most brokers said.

Steady

"Fund managers are doing some profit-taking now," said a broker at a large Japanese securities house. "Large capitals like steel and shipbuilders are dead."

Wall Street's rebound to levels over 2,000 and a US first quarter Gross National Product (GNP) showing 2.3 per cent growth was no surprise to investors, brokers said.

The dollar held steady against the yen after neutral reaction to overnight news of the preliminary GNP figure.

Fears of renewed tension in the Middle East after Saudi Arabia said it had cut diplomatic ties with Iran put a floor under the dollar but persistent strong selling by exporters above 125 yen weighed heavily on the currency.

The dollar closed at 124.99 yen and 1.6770/75 marks against 125.05/11 and 1.6765/70 in New York.

The dollar rose to around 125.25 yen overseas before the Tokyo market opened, due to renewed Middle East tension over the diplomatic rift between Saudi Arabia and Iran, dealers said.

Gained

It fell back as it met active forward dollar selling by Japanese exporters.

"Afterwards, we re-entered the same boring trading — featureless and directionless," said one dealer with a major Japanese bank.

Gold prices were \$449.20/449.70 an ounce in late trading against 448.50/449.00 at New York's close overnight.

In Sydney, the all ordinaries index gained 2.1 points to 1,443.3

after lacklustre trading in all sectors.

Brokers said buyers and sellers seemed to be waiting for strong signals from offshore markets.

"Local fund managers are sitting on their hands at the moment but I don't think they know what they are waiting for," said a Sydney broker. "The market did open reasonably firm today but seemed to lack any guts."

Hong Kong share prices were slightly higher in late trading.

Higher

Gold firmed in moderate trading in London on news of the OPEC meeting. Higher oil prices are seen as inflationary and often result in higher gold prices, since gold is seen as a hedge against inflation.

At midmorning today, London's five major bullion dealers fixed a recommended price of \$449.10 a troy ounce, little changed from the opening bid but up from late yesterday's 447.50.

In Zurich, the bid price was \$449 up from \$448 late yesterday.

Earlier in Hong Kong, gold rose 1.03 to close at a bid \$450.97. Silver was quoted in London today at a bid price of \$6.37 a troy ounce, compared with yesterday's 6.36.

Drilling activity increases slightly

ABU DHABI, April 27, (Kuna): Drilling activity in the Gulf has shown a slight increase this year, according to a report published yesterday.

The Dubai-based English language daily Gulf News quoting industry sources said a seismic survey has been completed onshore in the emirate of Ras Al Khaimah in the UAE.

In Dubai, two development wells are being drilled offshore while in Sharjah the drilling of a new well K-1 is expected to resume shortly, it added.

The paper said a third development well is expected to be spudded in Oman's Bukha field and an Australian company Broken Hill (BHP) will begin drilling offshore in the Gulf of Oman in late September.

Oil discovery

ISLAMABAD, April 27, (Kuna): Oil has been struck in three places and natural gas at one place in Pakistan's southern province of Sindh, Minister of State for Petroleum, Chaudhury Nisar Ali Khan, announced here yesterday.

He told a news conference that the three new oil wells would yield a total of seven thousand barrels of crude per day, boosting country's daily oil production capacity to more than 50,000 barrels per day.

According to Nisar Ali Khan this production would roughly meet half of Pakistan's oil requirements and result in annual foreign exchange saving of the order of Rs80 million.

The minister said that at two places, namely South Lasbati and Kunnar in Hyderabad district, the state-owned Oil and Gas Development Corporation had struck oil while in Kolarji of the same district the American Union Texas Company has hit the discovery.

Reagan makes last-minute push to block US trade bill

WASHINGTON, April 27, (Reuters): President Reagan, faced with a defiant Congress, struggled to muster enough Senate votes to thwart a controversial trade bill aimed at helping US companies compete in foreign markets.

The battle over the bill, which seeks to force US trading partners to remove barriers inhibiting American competition, has been overshadowed by a clash between Congress and the White House over a provision dealing with a domestic issue.

The Senate is expected to give final congressional approval today to the bill, which would force the president to take action against countries with unfair policies, and send it to the White House for Reagan's almost certain veto.

Targets

Although no nations are singled out, the main targets include Japan, Taiwan, South Korea and West Germany.

But it is a provision of interest to labour unions with little bearing on trade issues and a large impact on domestic election-year politics that has most roused Reagan's ire.

The size of the Senate vote has become a central issue, with the

White House pressing hard to rally enough opponents to block any Democratic attempts to override a veto.

Administration and special interest lobbyist roamed Senate hallways trying to influence the vote, which serves as an initial test of Congress's ability to override a veto by the two-thirds margin needed in both the House and Senate.

Reagan invited several senators to the White House and spoke with others on the telephone to convince them to oppose the bill, White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said.

Efforts

The 1,100-page document, under consideration in Congress for more than three years, passed in the House by a 312-107 vote last week — more than enough to override a veto. Senate backers hope at least 70 of the 100 senators will vote for it.

"The president is going to be making a mistake if he vetoes this bill," Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd said.

Senator Lloyd Bentsen, the Texas Democrat who led efforts to draft a compromise bill with the House, told reporters: "If the

president vetoes it, as we assume, then I think it's a close call as to whether we can override."

The clash centres on a provision, included by the Democratic-controlled Congress under heavy pressure from labour unions, requiring large firms to serve 60 days' notice before closing a plant or laying off a large number of workers.

Requirements

Reagan says the requirement would be unfair to US industry and should be negotiated by unions in contract talks rather than mandated from Washington.

Reagan also objects to a three-year ban on the sale of Japan's Toshiba products to the US government. The sanction, which also applies to the firm of Kongsberg, Vaapenfabrik of Norway, was inserted into the bill after the Pentagon said the firm sold sensitive technology that allowed the Soviet Union to build submarines that are more difficult to detect.

The legislation also empowers the president and his successor to conduct multilateral trade negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), which was established in 1948 to liberalise world trade.

APL income surges

OAKLAND, California, April 27: American President Lines has announced first quarter earnings of \$20.9 million, or \$0.85 per share, fully diluted, on revenues of \$525.6 million, compared with earnings of \$19.5 million, or \$0.79 per share, fully diluted, on revenues of \$460.1 million in the first quarter of 1987.

Pre-tax income was \$36.7 million in the first quarter, compared with \$35.5 million in the first quarter of 1987. Real estate operations contributed pre-tax income of \$12.6 million on revenues of \$14.6 million in the first quarter of 1988, compared to pre-tax income of \$7.1 million in the first quarter. The increase in 1988 was due primarily to the sale of a 472-acre parcel of property near Sacramento, California.

Operations

Transportation operations generated pre-tax income of \$24.1 million on revenues of \$500.3 million in the first quarter of 1988 compared with pre-tax income of \$31.8 million on revenues of \$444.7 million in last year's first quarter.

The higher transportation revenues were due to increased international and domestic container volumes. Export volumes from the US to Asia were up 35 pc, import volumes from Asia to the US increased 6 pc, and intra-Asia volumes increased 11 pc compared to the same quarter last year.

Liquidity pushes down KD rates

HIGHER liquidity pushed down Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates Tuesday.

Dealers said between KD 80 and 90 million would enter the market yesterday from a maturing KB120 million three-month Treasury bill. The rest of the issue had already been sold back to the Central Bank on the Secondary market.

Funds

Month-end salaries also helped sink short rates to below one per cent offers with no bids for overnight, tomorrow and spot next from 5-1/2, 5-1/2, per cent levels on Monday.

One-week funds dealt at 4-1/2 per cent and one-month at 5-3/4 and then 5-1/2. A three-month deal was reported at 5-7/8.

By early afternoon, one-month was quoted at 5-3/4, 1/2 per cent from six, 5-1/2 on Monday. Two through 12-month maturities were quoted at 5-7/8, 5/8 per cent.

The Central Bank continued to sell Treasury bills on the secondary market.

It adjusted the dinar exchange rate slightly firmer to U27346/56 to the dollar from 0.27356/66 on Monday.

GOVERNMENT TENDERS

THE tenders summarised below are invited by the Central Tenders Committee on behalf of Government Ministries and other concerned authorities. The relevant documents may be obtained from the office of the Central Tenders Committee during office hours against payment of non-refundable fees as shown therein. Unless otherwise stipulated all relevant offers shall remain valid for a period of 90 days with effect from the closing date.

Tender No. MD/MT/73-88/1989
Tender's internal No. 854/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Defence
Requirements: Supply of fresh fruits
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Sunday, 12.6.88

Tender No. MD/MT/76-88/1989
Tender's internal No. 853/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Defence
Requirements: Supply of fresh sheep meat
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Sunday, 12.6.88

Tender No. 14/87/88
Tender's internal No. 870/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Public Health
Requirements: Supply of tools & appliances for workshops of new military hospital
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Sunday, 14.6.88

Tender No. P/IS/23/87
Tender's internal No. 607/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Public Health
Requirements: Expansion of Ministry's Printing Press
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Sunday, 14.6.88

Tender No. 4187/88
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Concerned party: Kuwait National Petroleum Co.
Requirements: Supply of new empty steel barrels for oil
Relevant fee: KD20/-
Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12.00 noon, Sunday, 5.6.88

Tender No. SP/71-87
Tender's internal No. 857/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Public Works
Requirements: Construction, completion, maintenance & modification of Al-Diwana Al-Amiri, HH. The Crown Prince's office & Ministries Council Services.
Relevant fee: KD 150/-
Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value
Closing date: 12 noon, Tuesday, 31.5.88

Tender No. 88W/84D
Tender's internal No. 871/88
Concerned party: Shuaiba Area Authority
Requirements: Construction of new underwater chlorine pipelines for sea water cooling pumping station (B). (Southern)
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A cautious return to the market

By Midas

THE Swiss Bank Corporation, ultra-conservative observer of the investment scene, is cautiously recommending its clients to take a more positive view of equity markets. Their reasoning is that the threatened recession has not emerged yet, and in view of the continued high volatility on the markets, selected stocks would offer interesting trading opportunities.

Obviously, this means that care has to be taken in selecting those stocks, special situations is the name of the game at this time.

Scope

The UK is likewise expected to stay fairly constant given the uncertainty over interest rates created by the booming value of sterling and the lack of any major market impulses.

However, things look a little more promising in Japan where there are several indications of a rally until the summer. The retail sector, food, chemical, engineer-

ing and electronics sectors are all considered favourable. In Germany, there seems to be even more scope for carefully selected, short term opportunities. As a whole, the German market seems to be stagnating, but the retail and chemical sectors have underperformed the market over recent months and this could well give rise to possible profits in the medium term.

Chemical companies like Bayer, Henkel and Hoechst, (in which the Kuwait Government owns a quarter stake) are seen as good value, particularly if investors take advantage of temporary weaknesses when purchasing stocks.

Recovery
In France there seems to be no real sign of a permanent recovery but the current election campaign, and the political uncertainties it creates, will possibly create short term volatility that will open up interesting trading

opportunities.

Cautious investors should wait until the political situation clarifies before committing themselves, while more dynamic investors may wish to capitalise on the uncertainty by buying into any temporary weaknesses.

The sectors to avoid in France are electronics and financial shares, while the sectors to watch closely are foodstuffs, retailing, utilities and construction.

However, it must be stressed that this is a short to medium term market, and long-term commitments are not appropriate under current conditions.

French food companies, Bon-grain and BSN, and giant retailer, Carrefour, all look good value at current price levels.

Overall, stock prices in the foodstuff sector have fallen by 27 per cent over the past twelve months, and this is seen as a limiting factor to the downside risk.

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Donor countries 'must help Third World'

WASHINGTON, April 27, (AP): Donor countries must help the Third World overcome difficulties due to policy changes, such as ending price controls, the head of the US government aid programme told Senators yesterday.

"Our African economic policy reform programme is attempting to do just that in several countries, by providing temporary balance of payments and budgetary support along with technical assistance and training in support of significant reform programmes," said Alan Woods, administrator of the US Agency for International Development (

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Off the beaten track for an unusual holiday

Motoring on the byways of Britain

By Bob Barton

THERE is a scenic stretch of coast road nine miles south of Ayr in Scotland where motorists are convinced they are driving downhill when in fact they are going up. It is an amazing optical illusion and many a car has stalled here as a result. The "Electric Brae" is unique — thankfully driving elsewhere in Britain is not at all disconcerting.

Britain is among the best countries for a motoring holiday, especially for those with the time and inclination to get off the beaten-track. Most visitors do have one hurdle to overcome: adapting to driving on the left-hand side of the road. Cars overtake on the right and priority must be given to traffic coming from the right at roundabouts. With a little confidence, the skills are soon mastered.

Network

There is a good network of minor and trunk roads and toll-free motorways. With the opening, in 1986, of the M25 motorway round London — the world's longest city bypass — it is now much easier for those arriving by sea at the southern and east coast ports, or by air at any of the London airports, to avoid the capital if they so wish. It cost nearly £1,000 million to build, and is probably the country's most useful motorway.

On its circular route at a radius of 21 to 35 km from the

centre of London it has no less than 32 junctions with roads radiating to and from the city, including seven other important motorways towards the Midlands, Northern England, Wales, Scotland and England's West Country for example.

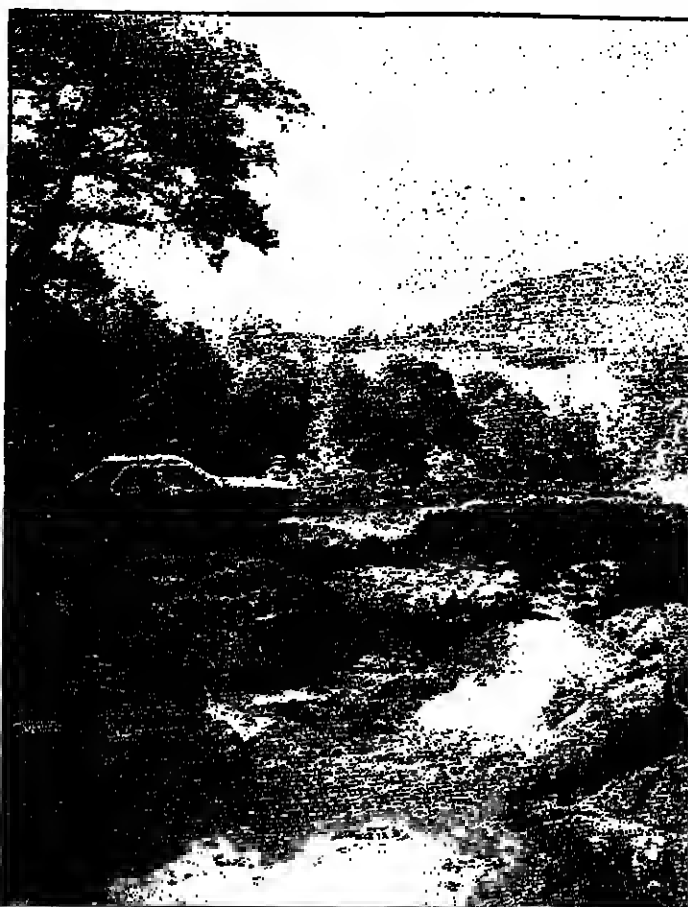
The M25 now has its own tourist information centre, recently opened at South Mimms service area 15 miles north of London. It is the latest in a nationwide network of centres, many ideally located for motorists, providing all kinds of holiday information. Most centres can make overnight bookings in their vicinity for the same night, and many can 'hook a bed ahead' for the following night in another area, thus avoiding worries about finding bed and breakfast, farmhouse or hotel accommodation.

Optimum

Armed with a good road map (the Ordnance Survey and Automobile Association publications are ideal) and a rented car if you are not bringing your own, you are all set to head on to the open road.

Pre-planning your itinerary pays dividends. Decide in advance whether you want to do a whistle-stop tour of the whole country or concentrate on a specific region or interest.

Ten days is optimum time to allow for a 'Highlights of Britain' tour taking in historic cities, superb countryside and grand stately homes and castles in England, Scotland and



Ashness Bridge.

Wales. Starting from London and heading north there are the famous cities of Cambridge, Lincoln, York and Durham; then the Scottish border is crossed and the delights of Edinburgh, Stirling and Glasgow

await. You can return south through the beautiful Lake District National Park containing England's highest mountains and nearly all her largest lakes — 17 of them.

Next are the lively seaside

resort of Blackpool, and Chester with its medieval streets of shops and houses, before you enter North Wales: the mountains of Snowdonia and the imposing castle at Caernarfon shouldn't be missed. On the return to London, Shakespeare's Stratford, the Cotswold Hills, the Georgian city of Bath and Longleat House, stately home of the Marquis of Bath, are among the many places which can be visited.

Such an all-embracing tour can only scratch the surface of Britain's heritage and, as it involves quite a lot of driving each day, is not to everyone's taste. Many visitors prefer to choose an itinerary covering one region in more detail. Edinburgh, for example, is a natural starting point for an eight- to ten-day tour of 'Spectacular Scotland'. The 405 miles from London to Scotland's capital can be driven comfortably in eight hours, or take the train (4-1/2 hours) and rent a car on arrival.

Haunts

A circular itinerary going south to the gentle Borders, and north as far as Inverness, 'Capital of the Highlands', takes in an amazing variety of sights and scenes. Visit castles such as 15th-century Caerlaverock, Glamis with its 'Macbeth' associations or Blair Castle near Pitlochry, home of the Atholl Highlanders, the only private army in Britain. Drive along sparkling lochs such as Loch Lomond, Loch Linnhe (in the shadow of Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis) and Loch Ness, where you may catch a glimpse of the elusive monster, Nessie! Near Grantown-on-Spey there are whisky distilleries that welcome visitors; while in the south there are beautiful abbeys and Abbotsford House, home of 18th-century novelist Sir Walter Scott.

The haunts of Britain's great writers and poets is an idea for a special interest motoring itinerary; again, eight to ten days is sufficient for a circular tour taking in places linked with at least 12 much-loved writers. Driving a clockwise route from

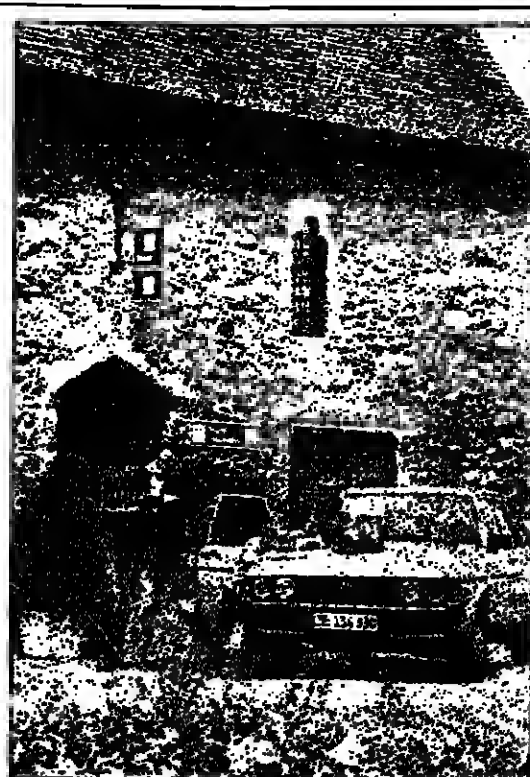


On the banks of Loch Lomond in the Scottish Highlands (left) and (right), a tourist information centre in case you're lost.

London, it is only 31 miles south-east of the cathedral city of Rochester with its many links with Charles Dickens. Across Kent and into Sussex a pleasant drive takes you to Batemans, the house and water-mill between Tunbridge Wells and the coast, where Rudyard Kipling lived. The picturesque Hampshire village, Chawton, is where Jane Austen wrote her novels; while, farther west, the area around Dorchester in Dorset is known as 'Hardy Country' — being part of Thomas Hardy's fictional shire, Wessex in his books.

By the time you return to London, Shakespeare's birthplace at Stratford-upon-Avon, the rustic homes of William Wordsworth and Beatrix Potter in the Lake District and, among others, the bleak parsonage home of the Brontë sisters in Yorkshire, will be behind you without any steps being retraced.

The above three routes are examples for 'Motoring Itineraries in Britain' published by the British Tourist Authority in association with Budget Rent a Car. Available free from overseas BTA offices, it details 15 suggested motoring routes ranging from five to 14 days and mainly dealing with geographical areas. There are three theme tours, however: the



Since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, Afghan rebels like this man call Peshawar, Pakistan their temporary refuge from the fighting.

Even with its added burden, Peshawar is a welcome place

By Kristin Helmore

PESHAWAR, Pakistan: "Peshawar is a pretty town," wrote Paul Theroux in 1975. "I would gladly move there, settle down on a veranda, and grow old watching sunsets in the Khyber Pass. Peshawar's widely spaced mansions, all excellent examples of Anglo-Muslim Gothic, are spread along broad sleepy roads under cool trees."

One wonders what Mr Theroux would think of Peshawar today. The presence of 3 million Afghan refugees has transformed the city from "pretty" to dusty and worn, from "sleepy" to hustling and crowded.

The streets are choked with people, animals, and vehicles, though most Afghans live outside the town in Sunbaked, windblown refugee camps. The camps are quiet, clean, orderly, and sad: uniform grids of small, square, baked-mud houses sitting in the wide, grassy plains. Some have a view of the mountains of Afghanistan.

In Peshawar, the narrow, post-colonial residential streets, with their high white walls and scanty vegetation, are studied with international relief agencies and the headquarters of Afghan mujahedeen guerrillas.

So, with the probable Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, Peshawar may return to its former tranquillity.

But even with its added burden, it's a welcoming place. In the Muslim tradition, Peshawar extends the same courtesy, caring and sense of shared humanity one finds in Cairo or Tunis. The mujahedeen with their stern, bearded faces, striped turbans, and black slung like portable bedding over their shoulders, are in fact friendly, soft-spoken, and happy to talk with foreigners — even unveiled Western women.

Many women in Peshawar cannot be seen at all: they are gliding, flapping pyramids of green, black, brown, ochre, or rust-coloured chadors. The material is shiny like silk, but it



A shopkeeper catches forty winks among his hats in the city's old bazaar.

may be polyester. It seems to only come in these standard, solid shades. A band of tight-knit net across the eyes allows the wearer to look out-preventing, at the same time, the remotest possibility of anyone looking in.

Pakistanis — even the poorest — are happy to invite a foreigner into their homes. In a one-room mud-brick house a visitor sits on the cot (the only seat) while the husband sits on the bare earth floor. The wife, unveiled at home, looks on with her children from the doorway in friendly curiosity. One of the children is sent to buy the guest an unsolicited soft drink that costs more than a day's wages. The visitor protests, drinks it down, and the family looks very pleased.

The British have left their mark on Peshawar, though it's

beginning to fade. The old Indo-colonial buildings, with their elaborate latticework and layers of intricate carving, are ragged with age and disrepair.

Yet they are beautiful and exotic to foreign eyes. More than 40 years have passed since Pakistan and India became separate, independent countries. But reminders of the British presence survive in the clipped expressions of a loquacious "chowkidar" (caretaker), in the flocks of uniformed school children, and in that famous old bastion of colonialism, Dean's Hotel. Dean's is surprisingly modest: a line of tidy cottages looking more like Surrey than the Northwest frontier of the imperial Raj.

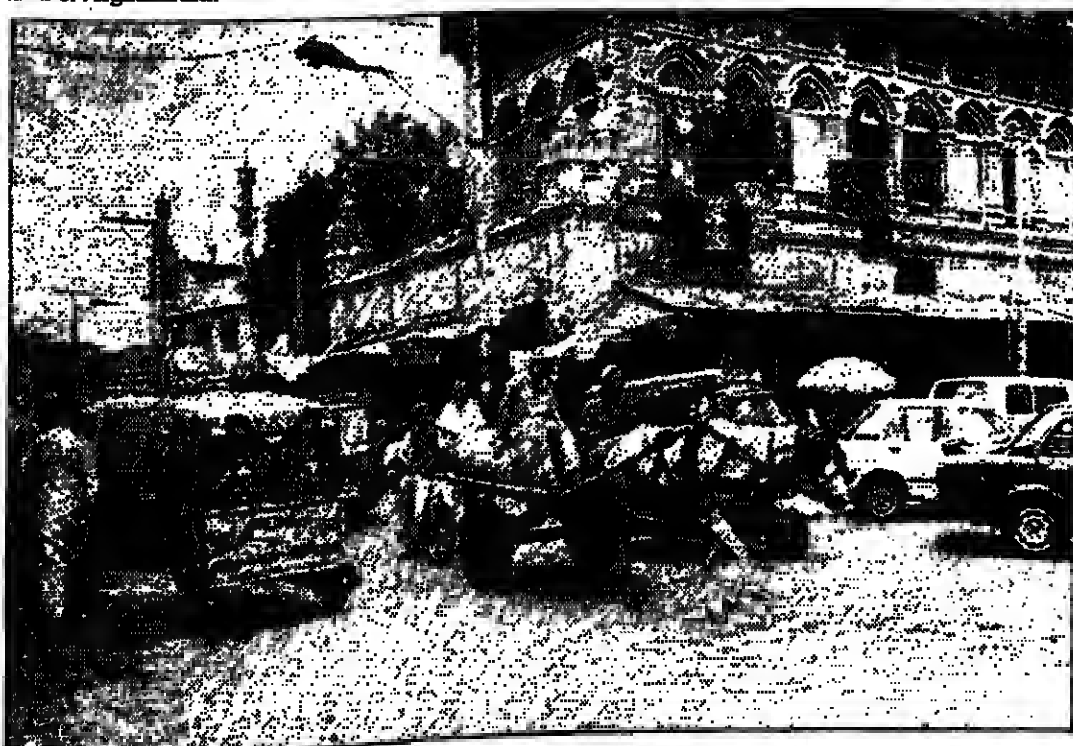
Our hotel is modern and nondescript, but the furniture in the rooms is strangely harem-like, with dark, carved wood and overstuffed, velvet-covered sofas. A green-and-white decal stuck on the coffee table in our room indicates the direction of Mecca, so that the faithful can say their prayers facing in the right direction.

Late one afternoon I took a three-wheeled scooter-taxi through the teeming, noisy, jostling streets. These tiny vehicles buzz and rasp like swarms of angry bumblebees. Their outside are painted and decorated as elaborately as the most exotic insects.

Mine was decorated inside too, with cabbage-rose paper and scarlet fringe. The driver's income probably supports 20 people. As we sped — fragile as an eggshell — down one of Theroux's broad roads, the dust rising around us was golden in the evening light.

I felt safe and happy, as one does among friends.

1988, The Christian Science Monitor News Service.



Horse cart with rubber tyres negotiates a busy street in Peshawar, filled with cars and motor scooters.

Morocco: a baffling and entrancing mosaic

By Daniel B. Wood

TANGIER, Morocco: Morocco is the African and Muslim country nearest to Europe and — 19 miles away from Spain across the Strait of Gibraltar — quite accessible. But set one foot in the country, and you'll wonder how a land that is African, Arabian, and European all at the same time can seem so far away from each of these worlds. Picture these typical Moroccan scenes:

El Minzah Hotel in Tangier. Men in silk vests, baggy trousers, and pointed slippers whisk trays of mint tea through a spacious parlor decked with Persian rugs and gilded divans. At a turn-of-the-century grand piano, a robust Italian woman in heavy makeup plays schmaltzy renditions of Gershwin and Debussy.

The walled city of imperial Fez. Muezzins (criers) in Moorish-style minarets call the Muslim faithful to prayer in the holy month of Ramadan. Followers have fasted from sunrise to sunset, and the streets are now a fitful coexistence of those preparing to eat at long, public tables. Conical ceramic pots coocele cuisine such as chicken-and-beef stews, called couscous, and gazelles' horns pastries, called kaab el ghzal.

Oasis of palms in the desert outside Marrakesh. A mass of Moroccans exits the other ramparts of an 11th-century palace, where annual Berber celebrations have lasted well beyond midnight. A ceremonial bonfire sends sparks skyward. Above the distant Atlas Mountains, a bright moon turns the desert into a moonscape of eerie shadows.

More-exotic memories: eating in desert tents while acrobats perform; watching turbaned horsemen charge, firing muskets in the air; and dining at restaurants where music and dancers seemed right out of "The Arabian Nights."

Romantic

But Morocco also has aspects that are not so romantic. Long stretches of barren countryside lack the amenities some might find in continental Europe, for instance. Some roads are only sparsely marked, many only in Arabic, so it is easy for those not on guided tours to make a wrong turn.

Driving from Tangier to Fez.

to Marrakesh, and then to Casablanca, we were stopped three times in the rural reaches by country police for no apparent reason — and each time pressed for a "gift" of dirhams to the tune of about \$4 or \$5. And true to the famous line from the pickpocket in the classic film "Casablanca," "be aware of vultures, vultures everywhere" — we met our share of conniving salesmen. Some were in cahoots with the guides we hired to show us through the various medinas. And there were the omnipresent faces from the shadows — some from women behind chuddars (shawls) — that almost too intently followed you with their eyes.

Though the mundane memories have faded over time, they remain an essential ingredient of the baffling and entrancing mosaic that is Morocco.

Part of Morocco's mystique is its vast and complicated history. There were conflicts from the beginning between the native Berbers, the Arabs that brought Islam, and European powers.

Today most of Morocco's 20 million people are Muslim Arabs, but there are Berber, Christian, and Jewish minorities. Although Arabic is the official language, Berber, French, and Spanish are also spoken.

We arrived by ferry from Algiers, Spain. At customs, we encountered the most thorough luggage inspection I've had anywhere — owing, we were told later by guides, to a great concern about drugs and guns.

Then we were approached by a serious-looking man in a gray robe called a djellaba. Announcing himself as a government guide, and showing identification, he aided our passage through customs. Then he took us to our hotel and off on a four-hour tour of the city and environs in a government-owned Mercedes — all for a fee we would negotiate later. The fee we agreed on turned out to be \$50 for two. We thought that was quite reasonable until we found out it was roughly four times what most other guides charge.

Ubiquitous guides-for-hire are, in fact, an interesting part of a visit to Morocco. All four of ours found us, rather than the other way around. Many were young students who wanted to practice their English (or Italian, German, etc.) and were willing to charge practically nothing for the privilege. Others were government employees.

Though we found none as extremely accommodating in figuring out dates and places, all were extremely accommodating in figuring out logistics

and itineraries and helping to make purchases of food or souvenirs. Perhaps most important, I would not enter the labyrinthine medinas without one, for fear of losing my way for good. And it's helpful to have a loyal countryman to keep the aggressive hucksters at bay, not to mention other guides.

Scenario

In a scenario that was repeated in three cities, we spent half days seeing the historic sites — famous mosques, casbahs (citadels), palaces, schools, museums, and shopping districts. The latter include open-air markets of spices and meat, fabric, leather, metal, and rugs.

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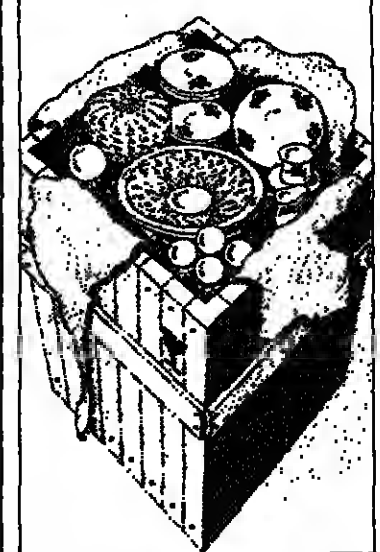
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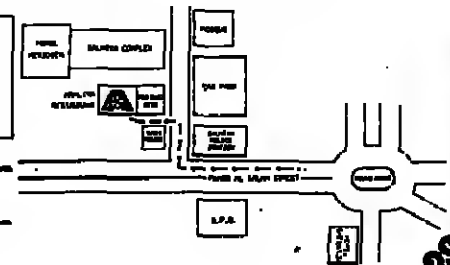
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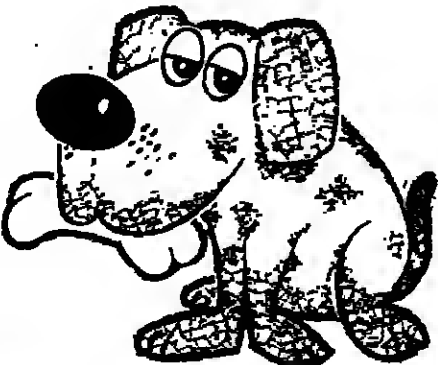
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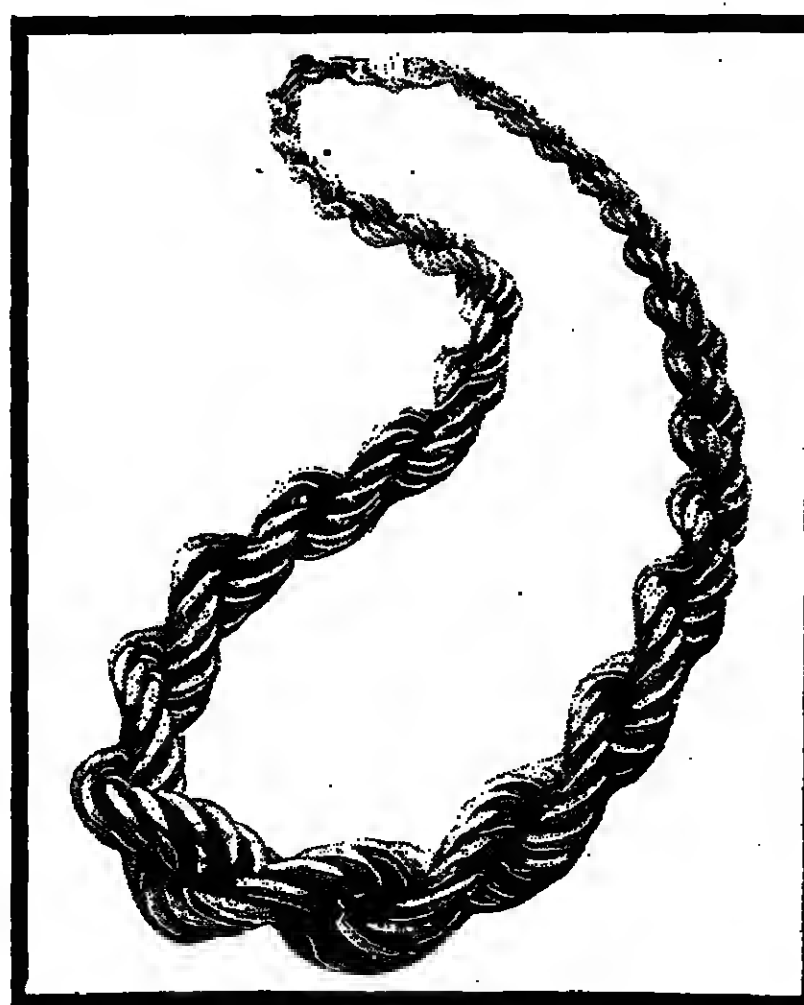
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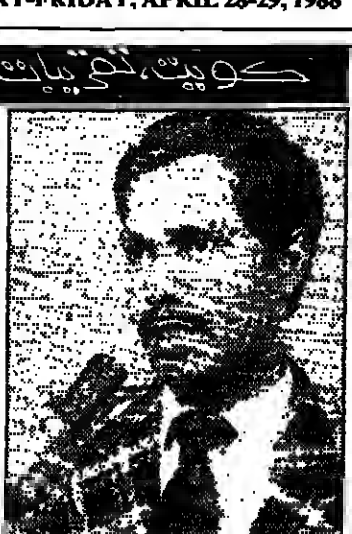
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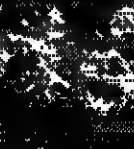
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Osterthun surprises Schapers

HAMBURG, West Germany, April 27 (Reuters). While awaiting the first appearance of top seed Boris Becker, other lesser-known local players took the opportunity of grabbing attention at the West German Open tennis tournament yesterday.

Hamburg-born Ricki Osterthun scored the day's biggest success, taking out eighth seed Michael Schapers of the Netherlands 7-5 6-0 in the second round.

His reward was a third-round meeting with another seed, sixth-ranked Claudio Mezzadri of Switzerland. "Even though he is seeded I'm counting on winning," Osterthun confidently declared.

Hansjoerg Schwaier set up a likely third round meeting with France's Henri Leconte with a tough, two hours 10 minutes victory over American Jim Pugh 6-3 3-6 6-2.

Two other West Germans overcame seeded opposition in first round matches. Torsten Meinenke beat 16th-ranked Thomas Muster of Austria 6-7 6-3 7-5 while Heiner Moring defeated 14th-seeded compatriot Eric Jelen 7-6 6-3.

Hurdle

Top seed Becker, beaten in the second round at Monte Carlo last week, should pass that particular hurdle in Hamburg when he plays Mansour Bahrami of Iran this evening.

Certain of playing before a packed 10,000 crowd, 32-year-old Paris-based Bahrami intends to provide entertainment for the fans if not a serious challenge to Becker.

"Winning a match doesn't count for me," said Bahrami, ranked 230th in the world. "Against Boris I'll let fly. I want to give the fans some fun."

Fourth seed Joakim Nystrom, known like world number one Ivan Lendl for his concentration and seriousness on court, had no difficulty reaching the third round. The Swede thrashed Frenchman Thierry Champion 6-0 6-2.

White and Davis head for showdown

SHEFFIELD, England, April 27 (Reuters). Top seeded Steve Davis and Jimmy White were heading for their seemingly inevitable showdown as the World Professional Snooker championship entered the quarter-final stage yesterday.

World number two, White reeled off seven straight frames to lead English compatriot Tony Knowles 7-1 at the end of the first session of their best-of-25 frames quarterfinal, while Davis led Malta's Tony Drago 6-2.

White is appearing in the last eight for the fifth successive year, though he has reached the final only once when he was beaten 18-16 by Davis in 1984.

Knowles won the first frame after a long exchange of safety shots but it was one-way traffic after that as the brilliant White compiled breaks of 95, 78, 65, 46, 32, 32 and 31 to take a substantial lead.

GOMEZ CRUSHES PERNFORS

Lendl outlasts Mansdorf

ATLANTA, April 27, (UPI). Ivan Lendl, weary from jet lag and lack of sleep, last night beat Amos Mansdorf 6-4, 6-7 (7-3), 6-3 in the opening match of the \$500,000 AT and T challenge.

The world's top player led 5-3 in the second set. But Mansdorf, ranked No. 21 on the tennis circuit, won the next three games and easily captured the tie-breaker. Lendl had little trouble in the final set.

"I was pretty tired," said Lendl, who won last week at Monte Carlo after a two-month layoff because of a stress fracture in his right foot. "I had only about six hours sleep the last two nights. The jet lag sort of got to me. I wasn't there for the whole match."

In the only other first-night match, Anders Gomez of Ecuador routed Mikael Pernfors of Sweden 6-1, 6-0.

Today Stefan Edberg was to play Slohodan Zivojnovic in the afternoon. At night, Jimmy Connors faces defending champion John McEnroe and Lendl meets Pernfors.

Mansdorf did not learn until this past Sunday he was selected as the eighth player for this event after Tim Mayotte withdrew.

"I was told earlier I had a chance to be chosen and I was a bit disappointed when I wasn't," Mansdorf said.



Lendl overcame Mansdorf

Mansdorf, who lost to Lendl in straight sets in their two previous meetings, said the Czechoslovakian was not at his best last night. "He obviously was tired,"

Mansdorf said after the 2-hour, 19-minute match. "He wasn't playing his best tennis. I was winning most of the longer points. But to beat him, you have to be good enough to play the whole match not just a point here and there."

Lendl said he went nearly a month without playing any tennis while undergoing treatment in Florida for his injury.

"What I need now is to get in the French Open," Lendl said. "That and the other Grand Slam events are what I'm pointing for. I don't worry about how many of the regular tournaments I win. The Grand Slam is what really counts."

Affect

"But other tournaments are important because winning gives you confidence to play well. If I didn't play well at Monte Carlo, if I don't play well here, that could affect how I play in the French Open."

Lendl says he knows the day will come when he is no longer the game's top player.

"I'm sure sooner or later, someone will come up and be better, to be No. 1," he said. "I don't deserve it. I'll quit. But I hope that won't happen for a while, maybe not for a long time."

Agassi and Perez win openers

ISLE OF PALMS, South Carolina, April 27, (AP). Top-seeded Andre Agassi downed Jimmy Brown, and Diego Perez stunned No. 3-seeded David Pate in first-round play yesterday in the 78th annual US Men's Clay Court Championships.

Agassi, ranked No. 18 in the world, downed Brown 6-1, 6-4, while Perez surprised Pate 6-3, 6-1 in the second day of action at the Wild Dunes Racquet Club.

Played

Pate, ranked 24th in the world, is the third seeded player to lose in the tournament but the only one to fall yesterday in the tournament, which is being played here for the first time after 19 years in Indianapolis.

In other action yesterday: No. 2 seed Aaron Krickstein beat Blaine Willenborg 1-6, 6-3, 6-3 in the featured night match.

Fifth-seeded Johan Kriek beat John Ross 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 after being down 3-0 in the final set.

Seventh-seeded Jimmy

Arias advanced to the second round of a tournament for the first time this year, defeating Dan Cassidy 6-2, 6-2.

Agassi, 17, lost to Brown 6-1, 6-0 in a qualifying match just over a year ago in the only previous match between the pair. But the talented teenager said he was more patient this time, and it paid off in a match pitting two players who will celebrate birthdays this week.

Brown will turn 23 years old on Thursday, and Agassi will be 18 a day later.

Agassi broke down, ranked 87th in the world, at 15-40 to take a 2-1 lead and again in the fifth game after two deuce points for a 4-1 lead. Agassi won the set by breaking Brown when he slammed a backhand into the net.

While Agassi was beating Brown on an overcast day at the seaside resort, Perez was stunning Pate, who said he was suffering from a back injury suffered a week ago.

Perez, of Spain, is one of four players to make the 32-player

field via a qualifying round Sunday. Perez advanced to the third round of the clay courts in 1985 and 1986, while Pate was playing in the tournament for the first time.

Pate said the inflammation in ligaments in his back hampered him.

In the first match of the day involving a seeded player, Arias had little trouble in beating Cassidy.

Arias, who won the clay court title in 1983 and made it to the finals the year before, won the first three games in the first set and took the set when Cassidy hit a forehand into the net.

Defeat

In the final match of the day, Krickstein rallied from one set down to defeat Willenborg, of Miami, in a match suspended for about 15 minutes because of rain.

Willenborg, ranked No. 202 in the world, used a patient, backcourt game and took advantage of numerous unforced errors and missed shots by Krickstein to win the first set.

American leads in decathlon

PHILADELPHIA, April 27, (Reuters). American Mark Ivanov won two of the five events yesterday to take the first-day lead in a low-scoring decathlon at the Penn Relays Athletics Carnival.

Ivanov, a student at Beutley College in Massachusetts, had a five-event score of 3,719 points.

West German Martin Bauer, who attends George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, was second with 3,714 points and

Norwegian Knut Gunderson of Mount Saint Mary's College in Maryland was third with 3,711.

American Frances Childs of the University of Pennsylvania was first in the heptathlon with 3,025 points. She won three of the four events.

Americans Frederica Winley of the University of Tennessee and Melinda Cass of West Virginia University followed. Winley had 2,971 points and Cass 2,824.

Gold medal

CARDIFF, Wales, April 27, (Reuters). Sevdalin Marinov of Bulgaria won the gold medal in the flyweight division at the European Weightlifting Championship yesterday.

Triun Cihrarescu of Romania won the silver and Bela Olah of Hungary took the bronze. Bulgarian Mitko Grablev won the bantamweight gold medal.

His compatriot Nevo Terziyski took the silver and Dimitru Negreanu of Romania the bronze.

Hernandez helps Mets rout Braves

NEW YORK, April 27, (AP). Keith Hernandez drove in a career-high seven runs and hit two home runs — one of them a Grand slam — as the New York Mets routed the Atlanta Braves 13-4 last night.

Hernandez's hitting gave Davey Johnson his 400th win as a manager.

In other National League games, Cincinnati beat Montreal 5-2, Houston nipped Philadelphia 3-1, San Diego edged past St. Louis 1-0, Chicago beat Los Angeles 7-3 and Pittsburgh shut out San Francisco 2-0.

The Mets' Dwight Gooden became the first five-game winner in the National League, allowing 10 hits and striking out

five. Gooden was behind twice before the Mets tied the score on Hernandez's two-run homer in the fifth and went ahead with two more runs in the seventh, on Mookie Wilson's RBI double and Hernandez's run-scoring groundout.

Reds 5, Expos 2. Nick Esasky and Eric Davis hit solo homers to help Ron Robinson win his first game of the season. Robinson, 1-2, worked 5 1-3 innings, allowing three hits and one unearned run. John Franco got his third save.

Astros 3, Phillies 3. Mike Scott pitched a three-hitter through eight innings for his fourth win in five starts. Scott, 4-0, struck out a season-high 12—

he leads the National League with 43 — and had a one-hitter going into the seventh. Dave Smith pitched the ninth for his third save, allowing one hit.

Padres 1, Cardinals 0

Eric Show pitched a 10-hitter and Carmelo Martinez homered for the first time this year as the Padres earned their fourth straight victory. The win was the first of the year for Show, who came into the game 0-3 with an 8.36 ERA. Show struck out three and did not walk a batter in extending San Diego's shutout string to 33 innings.

Cubs 7, Dodgers 3. Greg Maddux pitched an eight-hitter for eight innings and the Cubs capitalised on four

infield errors. The errors by the notorious Los Angeles infield and the first balk called at home against the Dodgers pitching staff all season led to five runs off Tim Lary, 2-1.

Results		National League	
Cincinnati	5	Montreal	2
New York	13	Atlanta	4
Houston	3	Philadelphia	1
Chicago	7	Los Angeles	3
San Diego	1	St. Louis	0
Pittsburgh	7	San Francisco	0
American League		American League	
New York	3	Kansas City	4
Cleveland	12	Seattle	6
Detroit	6	California	0
Oakland	6	Toronto	1
Minnesota	4	Baltimore	2
Texas	3	Milwaukee	2
Boston Red Sox vs. Chicago White Sox postponed (only games scheduled)			

Menotti would like to coach Brazilians

BUENOS AIRES, April 27, (Reuters). Cesar Luis Menotti, coach of Argentina's triumphant 1978 World Cup team, said yesterday he would jump at the chance of becoming Brazilian national team manager.

Menotti, who would be the first foreigner to hold the post, which is currently vacant, told the local daily Clarin in an interview: "It's like winning an Oscar. I would be coaching one of the five best football (nations) in the world."

But despite his apparent enthusiasm, Menotti is likely to turn down any job offer because of a condition which states he must first spend a year as coach of Rio de Janeiro club Fluminense.

Menotti, sacked by Atletico Madrid in March, has until May 2 to reply to Fluminense's offer.

Turning his attention to this June's European Championship in West Germany, Menotti said seven of the eight finalists had a good chance of winning the exception being Ireland.

Menotti, who also said Denmark and the Netherlands were breathing fresh air into soccer in Europe with their open, attacking style, added that Spain could do well if they decided to be the "hullfighter and not the hull."

Mirandinha misses target of 20 goals

NEWCASTLE, England, April 27, (Reuters). Newcastle United's Brazilian international striker Mirandinha has failed in his aim of hitting 20 goals in his first season in English soccer.

The 28-year-old, who has scored 13 goals, was on Monday ruled out of the rest of the season which ends on May 7 because of a thigh injury and he will return home to Sao Paulo.

Mirandinha, who has another two years of his contract to run, has only started one of Newcastle's last eight First Division matches because of his injury.

Colleagues. He will link up from Brazil with his Newcastle colleagues next month in United's two match tour of the West Indies.

Meanwhile, Newcastle's highly-rated England under-21 midfielder Paul Gascoigne said he would not be tempted to leave English soccer.

Gascoigne said: "The trouble with English football is that a lot of people are going abroad. If they are truthful they are doing it just for the money. That is the only reason because you can't beat the English First Division."

PSV reach Cup final

AMSTERDAM, April 27, (Reuters). PSV Eindhoven came back from two goals in arrears to beat Second Division champions RKC 3-2 in the semifinals of the Dutch Cup yesterday.

PSV, European Cup finalists against Benfica of Portugal next month and already assured of the First Division title, found themselves two goals down within the first half hour.

Cees Schaapdonk and Ad van de Wiel put the Secon Division side in the lead before Dutch international striker Hans Gillhaus pulled one back for PSV just before the interval.

Goals from Dane Soren Lerby and sweeper Ronald Koeman saved PSV blushes as the Dutch champions imposed their class in the second half.



Quaid-e-Millat Cricket Club (QMCC) captain Mohammed Munir (left) receives the Burud Trophy from Mohan (centre) at a prize distribution ceremony held earlier this week at the EPI ground. QMCC's Raza was given a special prize for bowling during the competition.

Jansher and Dittmar to clash in Open final

PARIS, April 27, (Reuters). World Champion Jansher Khan of Pakistan reached the final of the Paris Open Squash Championship yesterday when he beat fellow countryman Zarak Jahan Khan 9-4 9-3 9-5 in a semifinal lasting 62 minutes.

Jansher, seldom in trouble in the match, contented himself with an exhibition of all-round court craft, mixing forecourt deftness with some potent power drives.

The 20-year-old Zarak tried his best but did not reach the form of previous matches when he racked up victories over Geoff

Hunt, seven times British Open winner, and Brett Martin, the ninth-seeded Australian.

In the other semifinal, Chris Dittmar of Australia beat former world champion Ross Norman of New Zealand soundly in 36 minutes 9-2 9-6 9-6.

The Australian has beaten Norman eight times since he overtook the New Zealander in world rankings.

Dittmar said: "I don't know why he can't do better against me. Sometimes he even gives up. I'm looking forward to playing Jansher tomorrow. I want to be number one."

Luton hand back Cup

LONDON, April 27, (Reuters). English League Cup winners Luton town have been forced to hand back the magnificent 19th century silver trophy they won at Wembley just two days ago.

The Cup snapped in two during the celebrations following Luton's pulsating 3-2 victory over Arsenal on Sunday and has been sent to a silversmith for repair.

"We are not blaming anyone. It wasn't a case of the players celebrating with a bit of rugby in the street," explained Football League spokesman Andy Williamson, alluding to Rugby

Union's Calcutta Cup, which was damaged in a kick-about after the match between Scotland and England in February.

"Apparently during the celebrations the Cup snapped apart at one of the thinner parts of the neck."

Results		Results of British soccer matches yesterday	
Plymouth	1	Bournemouth	2
Manchester	0	Sunderland	4
Halifax	1	Carlisle	1
Newport	1	Wolves	3

47 fans held in pre-dawn raids

LONDON, April 27, (AP). Forty-seven suspected soccer thugs were arrested in a series of pre-dawn raids today as hundreds of police mounted their latest anti-hooligan campaign in London and the surrounding areas.

Officers swooped on the homes of supporters of First Division West Ham and Second Division Crystal Palace in two separate, carefully planned operations which followed months of undercover surveillance.

Police said 15 West Ham fans were arrested at several addresses and were being questioned about conspiracy to commit

violent disorder and criminal damage. Thirty-two Crystal Palace fans were arrested in another operation codenamed Back Yard.

The West Ham raids, codenamed White Horse, were the culmination of a long-term investigation throughout the soccer season into violence and disorder involving followers of the east London club.

Police superintendent Bill Griffiths, in charge of the operation, said: "It has gone according to plan and owes much to the dedication and resourcefulness of the officers who have gathered information over a number of months."

"By arresting these men who wrongly call themselves football fans, our aim has been to break the back of a hard-core element of the so-called West Ham supporters who are bent on causing violence, particularly at away matches and other places away from Upton Park (West Ham's ground)."

Property was seized during both series of raids, but police refused to give details of what had been found.

"A number of items were taken from the addresses which might assist in further investigations," said the Scotland Yard spokesman.

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Garry Kasparov

BRUSSELS, Belgium, April 27. (AP): World chess champion Garry Kasparov said yesterday the game's ruling body should cede responsibility for the world championship and other major events to a group representing the leading players.

IBF title

PARIS, April 27. (Reuters): American Charles Williams will defend his IBF world light-heavyweight boxing title against Richard Caramanolis of France in Aconcy on June 10, promoters said yesterday.

MTK midfielder

BUDAPEST, April 27. (UPI): Gyorgy Bogner, the 27-year-old midfielder from Hungary's First Division club MTK VM has signed a five-year contract with French Soccer League club FC Toulouse.

Hungary's athletes

BUDAPEST, April 27. (UPI): More of Hungary's athletes will be able to turn professional when regulations governing sports are liberalised in May.

Ice hockey

STOCKHOLM, April 27. (UPI): Swedish ice hockey star Mats Kihlstrom will sign a six-year contract with Swedish side Sodertalje, passing up the possibility of an offer from the NHL's Calgary Flames.

New system

VIENNA, April 27. (UPI): A new marking system for sports grounds has been unveiled at Austrian Soccer League leader Rapid Vienna's Haasplatz stadium. The system involves injecting translucent polyethylene bundled monofibres into the earth just below the normal grass cutting level.

Olympic champion

LONDON, April 27. (UPI): Mark Todd, the Olympic three-day event champion, will ride two of the three horses he hopes to qualify for the Seoul Olympics at Saumur, France, at a meeting starting tomorrow.

America's Cup

WELLINGTON, April 27. (Reuters): Merchant banker Michael Fay said today Britain must build a 90-foot yacht if it wants to take part in America's Cup elimination series to decide who will meet the San Diego holders later this year.

Tennis rankings

LONDON, April 27. (AP): South American players dominated the latest junior world ranking list released yesterday by the International Tennis Federation covering 38 tournaments.

Bridge

RESULTS of Hubsra Bridge held on Saturday:

1st Mrs Sandra Turvey & Adel Bayrouni
2nd Shyamal Choudhary & Dhruba Mukherjee
3rd Ghazi & Yasene E/W
1st Mrs Pereira & B. D'Souza A.
2nd Mohammed Merchant & Nareendra Shah
3rd Mrs Camilla Guirgis and George.

PAKISTAN TAKE FIVE CARIBBEAN SIDE'S WICKETS FOR 154

W. Indies look to Richards for victory

BRIDGETOWN, April 27. (Reuters): West Indies, with half their wickets down, needed a further 112 for victory over Pakistan in the third and final Test today — but the key wicket of Vivian Richards was still intact.

At the close of the fourth day they were 154 for five with Richards 26 not out. With Pakistan 1-0 up, only a West Indian victory will save them from their first series defeat in the Caribbean since they lost to Ian Chappell's Australians in 1973.

Swinging The match, which from the first day has had numerous twists and turns, looked to be swinging West Indies' way when 45 minutes after tea they had raced to 118 for two. But three wickets fell for 32 runs to leave the game wide open.

Pakistan's second innings, standing at 177 for six overnight, closed at 262 half-an-hour after lunch when Salim Jaffer was clean bowled by Curtley Ambrose.

The last four wickets yielded 85 runs, largely thanks to a fighting 43 not out in 170 minutes by Imran Khan, who was given good support by the gutsy Salim Yousuf.

Dropped first ball at first slip by Richards off Malcolm Marshall, who had dismissed Wasim Akram (bow for ought with his



Richards: unbeaten on 26

seventh ball of the day. Yousuf drove and pulled his way to a defiant 28. But he did not keep wicket in West Indies' second innings.

Marshall claimed his fifth victim of the innings when wrist

spinner Abdul Qadir was caught at second slip. He finished with five for 65.

Despite losing Desmond Haynes for four in the seventh over to Wasim, the West Indies launched a blistering assault on

the Pakistani bowling, bringing up the 50 in only 10.5 overs.

Gordon Greenidge, having blasted his way to 35 off 51 balls, could not resist the medium pace of Salim Jaffer as soon as he was introduced and drove straight to extra cover.

Qadir's ploy of bowling round the wicket into the rough worked well thereafter.

Richie Richardson, who had played quite brilliantly for his 64 off only 76 balls, dragged his back foot trying to sweep Qadir and was smartly stumped by Aamer Malik.

This was the fourth wicket to fall at 128, after Carl Hooper on 13 had been needlessly run out at 118 having called Richardson for a single to Shoaib Mohammad at backward square leg and been sent back.

Gus Logie was another victim of the sweep, bowled round his legs for three by Qadir who had pitched deliberately into the rough outside Logie's leg stump.

Richards could not, however, be similarly outwitted and knowing that his side's chances of victory rested with him, played with intense determination throughout the final half hour.

Scoreboard

PAKISTAN first innings 309 (Rameez Raja 54, Shoaib Mohammad 54, M. Marshall four for 79)

WEST INDIES first innings 306 (Viv Richards 67)

PAKISTAN second innings (over-

night 177 for 6)

Rameez Raja c Logie b Marshall ... 4

Mudassar Nazar c Greenidge b Hooper ... 41

S. Mohammad c and b Richards ... 64

J. Miandad c Dujon b Marshall ... 34

Salim Malik b b Benjamin ... 9

Aamer Malik c Logie b Marshall ... 2

Imran Khan not out ... 43

Wasim Akram b b Marshall ... 0

S. Younis c Richards b Benjamin ... 28

Abdul Qadir c Greenidge b Marshall ... 2

Salim Jaffer b Ambrose ... 4

Extras (b-3 lb-14 nb-14) ... 31

Total (all out) ... 262

Fall of wickets: 1-6 7-100 2-153 4-

165 5-167 6-169 7-182 8-234 9-245.

Bowling: Marshall 22-3-65-5,

Ambrose 20.5-3-74-1, Walsh 12-1-22-

0, Benjamin 15-1-37-2, Richards 7-3-

8-1, Hooper 10-1-39-1.

WEST INDIES second innings:

G. Greenidge c Shoaib b Jaffer ... 35

D. Haynes c Salim Malik b Akram ... 4

R. Richardson c Aamer Malik b Qadir ... 63

C. Hooper not out ... 14

A. Logie b Qadir ... 26

C. Ambrose not out ... 0

Extras (lb-3 nb-6) ... 9

Total (five wickets) ... 154

Fall of wickets: 1-21 2-78 3-118 4-

128 5-150.

Bowling: Imran 4-0-27-0, Wasim

16-5-42-1, Jaffer 5-0-25-1, Qadir 17-

3-57-2.

Two Polish boxers

reported missing

KARLSRUHE, West Germany, April 27. (AP): Two Polish boxers attending the pre-Olympic International Boxing Tournament at Karlsruhe yesterday are missing and presumed to be seeking asylum in West Germany.

Ivo Stanislawski, the head of the official delegation with the Polish boxing team, informed the Polish embassy in Cologne yesterday afternoon that 20-year-old Dariusz Michalczewski and Dariusz Kosedowski, 25, were missing, officials said.

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